

**CENTER FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS**

**CHIA SUBMISSIONS USER GUIDE:**

**ADULT DAY HEALTH COST REPORT**

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## REMINDERS FOR ADULT DAY HEALTH COST REPORT SUBMISSIONS

1. Adult Day Health (ADH) providers are required to submit completed cost reports through the Center for Health Information and Analysis' (CHIA) online submission portal, [CHIA Submissions](#).
2. All submissions must be saved using the "Save Submission File" button on Tab 9, "Accuracy of Report". Submissions that are not saved using this button cannot be read by CHIA's system and will not successfully upload.

## PURPOSE

The Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA), in accordance with its statutory authority under M.G.L. c. 12C, collects cost reports in furtherance of its mission to monitor the health care system in Massachusetts and to provide reliable information and meaningful analysis for those seeking to improve health care quality, affordability, access and outcomes. The data CHIA collects through the ADH Cost Report is used, among other things, to support the rate-setting obligations of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), which uses the data to establish rates for Adult Day Health providers. Once filed, these reports become public documents and will be provided upon request to any interested party.

This document contains step-by-step instructions on how to retrieve and navigate the Excel cost report. It also contains the steps to properly save and upload the file to CHIA Submissions. "Frequently Asked Questions" are included at the end of the document for additional information.

## RETRIEVING AND POPULATING THE TEMPLATE

### Download the Excel Template

All ADH providers can download the cost report template by visiting the following URL: <https://www.chiamass.gov/adh>

### Open and View Tabs

The Excel template contains 10 tabs, including 7 schedules:

1. Agency Information
2. Schedule A – General Information
3. Schedule B – Program and Operations
4. Schedule C – Direct Client Transportation
5. Schedule D – Staffing Information
6. Schedule E – Statement of Expenses
7. Schedule F – Statement of Basis of Allocated Expenses
8. Schedule G – Statement of Revenue
9. Accuracy of Report – contains the Provider Certification and file Save Submission File button
10. Legend

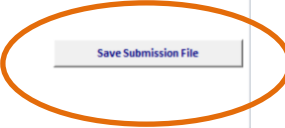
## Required Field Population

Tab 9, “Accuracy of Report”, details which fields must be populated in order to save and submit a completed report. If all fields in the table on Tab 9 say “No Action Required”, all required fields have been properly populated and you are ready to submit the cost report. Upon clicking the Save Submission File button, any outstanding errors will be shown.

**NOTE:** The “Save Submission File” button is located in the lower right corner of the required fields in Tab 9. This button will automatically name the file in the required format. Do NOT rename the file; it will not successfully upload in CHIA Submissions.

You may submit when each line says "No Action Required". You will not be able to successfully submit if you see an "Error" message below.

Agency name is chosen	ERROR
MassHealth ID is entered	ERROR
Reporting period start date is entered	ERROR
Reporting period end date is entered	ERROR
Reporting period end date should be after start date	ERROR
Please be sure to select an option from each of the drop down lists	ERROR
If you report Basic Program Census, then the Total Days of Operation must be greater	No Action Required
If you report Complex Program Census, then the Total Days of Operation must be	No Action Required
Number of hours per week should be greater than 0	ERROR
Schedule B should be filled (Zeros Ok)	ERROR
If Schedule G, MassHealth (Medicaid) Transport for ADH Program is greater than 0, then Schedule C, Total Client Transportation should be greater than 0	No Action Required
Gross salary for Program Director, Therapeutic Activity Director, Registered Nurse, and Other Staff together should be greater than 0	ERROR
Sum of FTEs in column I or J should be reported when Total Hours Compensated - ADH (Column 6) is greater than 0	No Action Required
Total Hours Compensated - ADH should be reported when FTEs are reported	No Action Required
ADH Admin FTEs should be greater than 0	ERROR
If Admin FTE is greater than 0, ADH Expense Admin should be greater than 0	No Action Required
If ADH Expense Admin is greater than 0, Admin FTE should be greater than 0	No Action Required
If Direct Care FTE is greater than 0, ADH Expense Direct Care should be greater than 0	No Action Required
If ADH Expense Direct Care is greater than 0, Direct Care FTE should be greater than 0	No Action Required
Schedule D Agency Admin Expense (Col.11) + Total ADH Expense (Col.14) + Total Other Program Expense (Col.15) should equal Agency Total Expense (Col.4)	No Action Required
If a Multi-service agency, Tabs 5 and 6 must be reported	No Action Required
If Schedule C, Total Client Transportation is greater than 0, then Schedule G, MassHealth (Medicaid) Transport for ADH Program should be greater than 0	No Action Required
Accuracy of Report is filled	ERROR



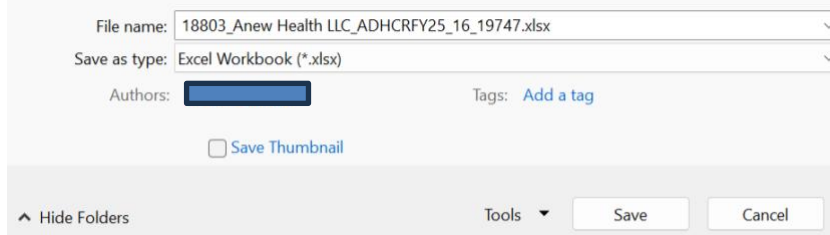
## Saving the File

You may save a draft of the template at any time by using the “Save As” or “Save” options under the File menu in Excel.

### SAVING THE FILE FOR UPLOAD TO CHIA SUBMISSIONS:

After completing the Excel spreadsheet, providers must save the report using the “Save Submission File” box located in the bottom right-hand side of the “Accuracy of Report” tab. The file must be saved using the pre-formatted naming convention that is auto-populated in the Save As box that appears when you click the “Save Submission File” button to allow for proper upload.

The file name will be formatted as follows: ‘OrgID\_FacilityName\_ADHCRFYXX’ The file name’s fiscal year should reflect the fiscal year for which the cost report is being submitted (e.g., 18803\_Anew Health LLC\_ADHCRFY25). The saved file is now ready for upload to CHIA Submissions.



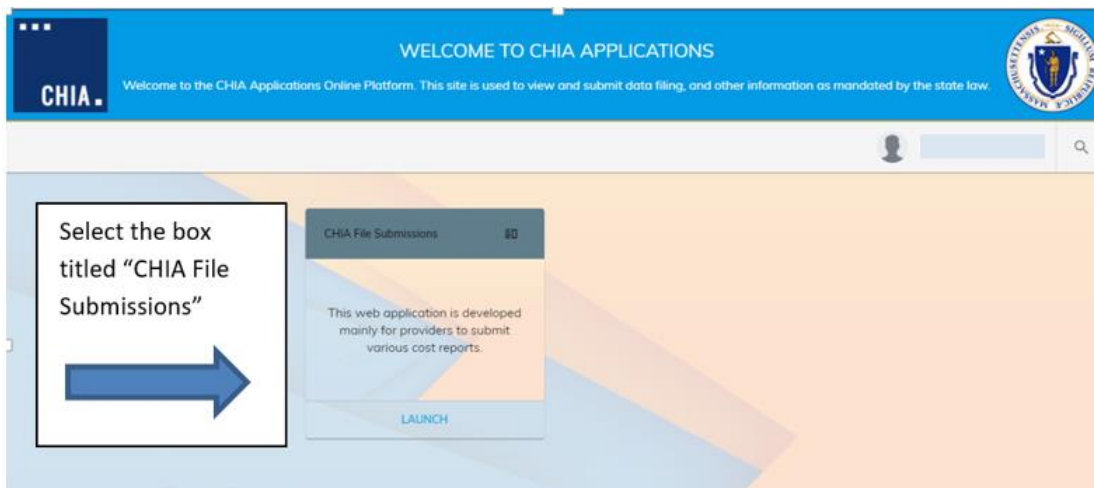
## SUBMITTING THE EXCEL FILE

1. Log in to CHIA's online submission platform at <https://chiasubmissions.chia.state.ma.us>.
  - a. If you are new user, or if the agency is not registered with CHIA, please email a completed [User Agreement](#) form to [dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov](mailto:dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov).
  - b. For technical issues, please email [dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov](mailto:dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov).

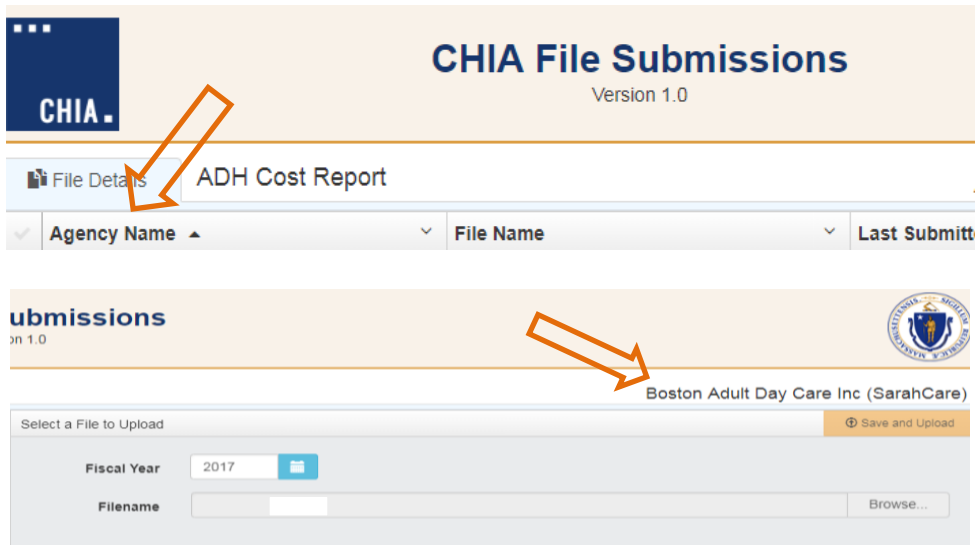
### Please Note: CHIA Submissions works best with Google Chrome



Successful access brings you to the Main Menu page. Choose the selection box titled '**CHIA File Submissions**'. You may have access to more than one box depending on other projects for which you have applied.



2. If you submit other cost reports, aside from the Adult Day Health Cost Report, you will see a drop down list containing all the possible reports you can access. Select "Adult Day Health" from the drop-down menu.
3. If you are the designated user for multiple facilities, you will see them listed under the "Agency Name" column on the left-hand side. If you are affiliated with only one facility, the "Agency Name" column will not be displayed. Your agency name will be displayed at the top, above the Save and Upload button. If you see more than one facility, select the facility you are submitting for by clicking the check mark next to the facility name.

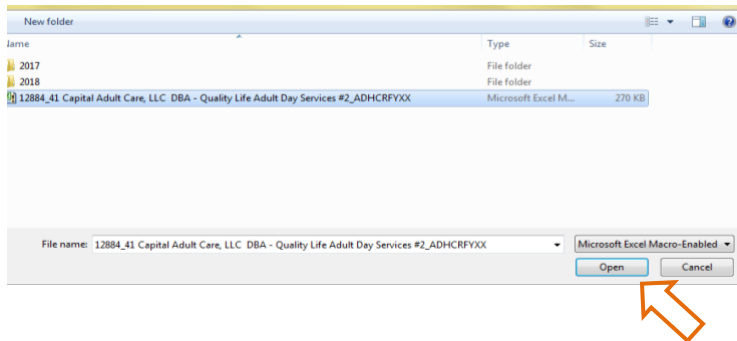


### Cost Report File Selection and Upload

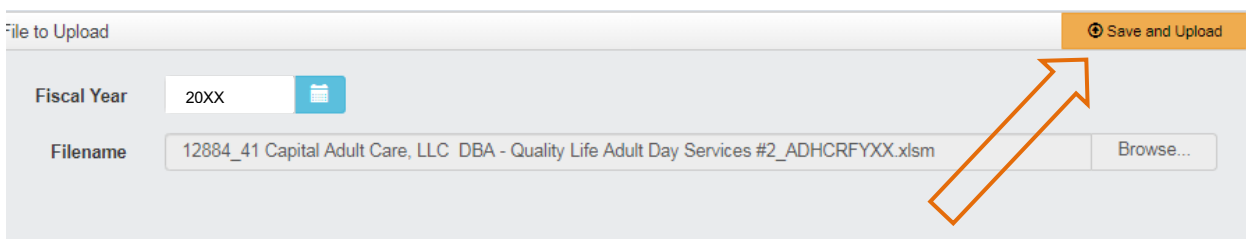
1. Choose the correct 'Fiscal Year' via the available dropdown boxes on the right. The Fiscal Year chosen should match the fiscal year on the cost report you are submitting.



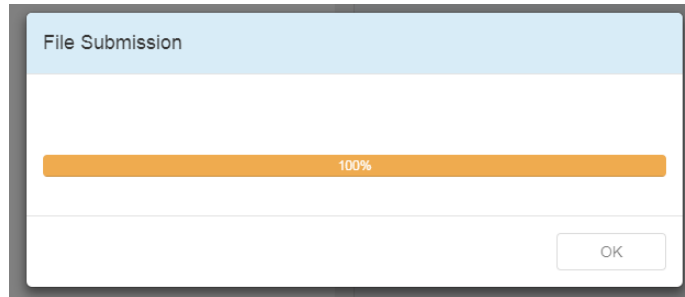
2. Once selected, hit the 'Browse' button to choose the final file with the CHIA naming convention that you have saved from your own computer.
3. Browse your File Manager or your Windows Explorer and select the file saved using the "Save Submission File" button. Apply the file to CHIA Submissions by using the 'Open' key in the lower right corner of the screen. Your file name will appear in the Filename line.



4. To upload the file to the CHIA Submissions application, hit the Save and Upload button.



5. When the progress bar shows 100%, you will see your Filename is uploaded successfully.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

### 1. Who can access the web application?

Users who are registered with CHIA to submit the Adult Day Health (ADH) Cost Report will be able to access the application located at <https://chiasubmissions.chia.state.ma.us>. For additional users and technical issues, please email [dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov](mailto:dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov).

### 2. What are my system requirements?

The Microsoft (MS) Excel template is fully supported with **MS Excel 2010 or higher**. CHIA Submissions is fully supported on **Google Chrome**.

### 3. How can I request to add new user(s)?

If you are new user, or if the agency is not registered with CHIA, please email a completed [User Agreement](#) form to [dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov](mailto:dl-data-submitter-helpdesk@chiamass.gov).

### 4. Can one Adult Day Health facility have multiple submitters?

User access can be granted for multiple individuals.

### 5. What are the different types of errors and how do I avoid them?

- Lines shown as “**Required**” which are omitted will prevent the ability to save and submit your report. All outstanding errors will appear upon clicking the “Save Submission File” button in Tab 9, “Accuracy of Report”.
- Data *can* be pasted in. Please paste as **values** and refrain from attempting to re-format the cost report template. **If you choose to paste values, please ensure that numbers entered are whole numbers, unless it is stated that decimals are allowed.** Please consult the cost report instructions for detailed information on where decimals are allowed in the cost report.
- All submissions must be saved using the “Save Submission File” button on Tab 9, “Accuracy of Report”. Submissions that were not saved by using this button cannot be read by CHIA’s system.

### 6. Can I view submitted reports?

The ADH provider that submitted the report has the original copy of the Excel spreadsheet. If copies of submitted data are needed from CHIA, please contact [data@chiamass.gov](mailto:data@chiamass.gov).