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CHIA SUBMISSIONS USER GUIDE:
Payer Reporting of Relative Prices

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1. Template Structure

- Upon opening the Excel RP submission template, the Table of Contents will be the shown on the “Contents” tab. This includes an overview of the tabs as well as a color key.
- When using the template, start on the “Front Page” tab located to the right of the “Contents” tab.

Payer Reporting of Relative Price
A. File Overview and Payer Verification

Save & Name Submission

Contact Name: *
Contact Email: *

Table A.1: File Overview

Payer OrgID *	0
Payer Name *	Select Payer:
Risk Tool and Version *	
Submission Year *	
Data Year *	

Inpatient Data Review Outpatient Data Review

Table A.2: Data Checks

Hos Inpatient Data Tab	Please run Inpatient Data Review prior to submission
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OP Service Review	Please run Outpatient Data Review prior to submission

Table A.3: Data Reviews Certifications

Data Tab	Acknowledgement
I acknowledge I have reviewed the Hos	

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The Front Page tab will look like this:

Reporting of Relative Price Overview and Payer Verification

Required Fields *

Table A.1: File Overview

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Payer Name *	Select Payer:
Risk Tool and Version *	
Submission Year *	
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	I acknowledge I have reviewed the Hos Outpatient Data tab *	
	I acknowledge I have reviewed the Hos Inpatient Service tab *	
	I acknowledge I have reviewed the OP Payments Review tab *	
	I acknowledge I have reviewed the OP Multiplier Review tab *	
	I acknowledge I have reviewed the OP Service Review tab *	
Net Comments		
Additional Comments		

Table A.4: In-Network Providers (Inpatient)

Insurance Category	Product Type	Total Claims Payments	Total Non-Claims Payments	Number of Hospitals	Hospitals		Percent of Payments	
					In Network *	Out of Network *	In Network *	Out of Network *

Table A.5: In-Network Providers (Outpatient)

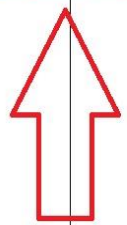
Insurance Category	Product Type	Total Claims Payments	Total Non-Claims Payments	Number of Hospitals	Hospitals		Percent of Payments	
					In Network *	Out of Network *	In Network *	Out of Network *

*Each cell highlighted in yellow indicates user attention is needed

- Users must fill out their first and last name in the **Contact Name** cell and their contact email address in the **Contact Email** cell.
- Users must complete Table A.1:
 - a. Select the correct **Payer Name** for the organization submitting the data. This will automatically populate the **Payer OrgID** cell which is highlighted in yellow.
 - b. Enter the **Risk Tool and Version** used when preparing the data.
 - c. Input the current year that you are submitting the RP data for in the **Submission Year** cell.
 - d. Enter the calendar year that the data represents in the **Data Year** cell.

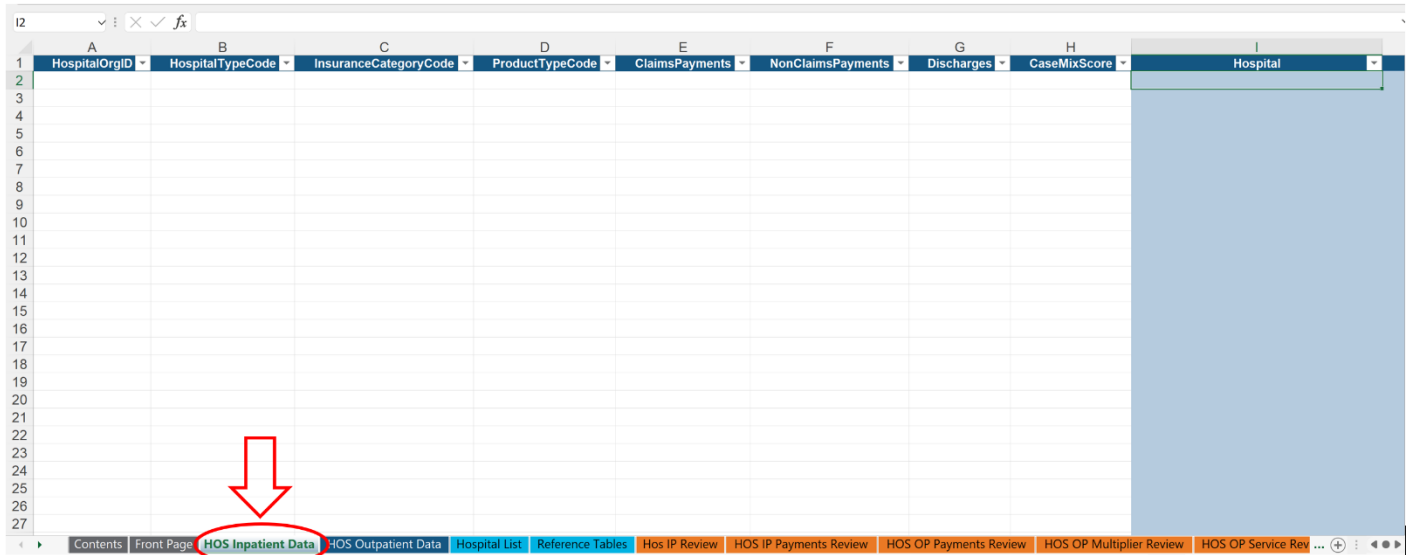
- Users must complete Table A.4 and Table A.5:
 - a. Table A.4 and Table A.5 are summarized tables that are generated once information is properly entered in the “HOS Inpatient Data” and “HOS Outpatient Data” data fields.
 - b. The last two columns in Tables A.4 and A.5 are entered manually by the data submitter
 - i. The **Hospitals** columns are a count of which providers are considered in-network or out-of-network
 - ii. The **Percent of Payments** columns are a percentage of what payments are considered in-network or out-of-network

Table A.4: In-Network Providers (Inpatient)								
Insurance Category	Product Type	Total Claims Payments	Total Non-Claims Payments	Number of Hospitals	Hospitals		Percent of Payments	
					In Network *	Out of Network *	In Network *	Out of Network *



2. Entering Hospital Inpatient RP Data

- Click on the “Hos Inpatient Data” tab located to the right of the “Front Page” tab.
- Users must enter data into columns A through H on the left side of the screen.
- Columns I through M (highlighted in blue) contain data checks for the inputted data. These cells are locked and will auto-populate when validating the entered data.



- For details on the data fields to enter, please refer to the **Data Specification Manual**.
- User reference materials for certain fields are also included within the template on the tabs highlighted in light blue:
 - a. The Provider List is included on the “Hospital List” tab.
 - b. The Relative Price Reference Tables from the Data Specification Manual (for the Hospital Type, Insurance Category, Product Type, and Multiplier Indicator) are also included in the “Reference Tables” tab.

OrgID	Hospital Name	Type
1	Anna Jaques Hospital	Acute Hospital
2	Athol Memorial Hospital	Acute Hospital
5	Baystate Franklin Medical Center	Acute Hospital
4	Baystate Medical Center	Acute Hospital
106	Baystate Noble Hospital	Acute Hospital
139	Baystate Wing Hospital	Acute Hospital
6309	Berkshire Medical Center	Acute Hospital
98	Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Milton	Acute Hospital
53	Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Needham	Acute Hospital
79	Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital - Plymouth	Acute Hospital
8702	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	Acute Hospital
46	Boston Children's Hospital	Acute Hospital
12661	Boston Children's Hospital - Suburban	Acute Hospital
12660	Boston Children's Hospital - Urban	Acute Hospital
3107	Boston Medical Center	Acute Hospital
59	Brigham and Women's Faulkner Hospital	Acute Hospital
22	Brigham and Women's Hospital	Acute Hospital
12665	Brigham and Women's Hospital - Suburban	Acute Hospital
12664	Brigham and Women's Hospital - Urban	Acute Hospital
3108	Cambridge Health Alliance	Acute Hospital
39	Cape Cod Hospital	Acute Hospital
50	Cooley Dickinson Hospital	Acute Hospital
51	Dana-Farber Cancer Institute	Acute Hospital
57	Emerson Hospital	Acute Hospital
8	Fairview Hospital	Acute Hospital
40	Falmouth Hospital	Acute Hospital

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- After entering the inpatient data on the “HOS Inpatient Data” tab, return to the “Front Page” tab of the workbook and click on the **Inpatient Data Review** button. This will check all the entered data within the “HOS Inpatient Data” tab and populate both the “HOS IP Review” and “HOS IP Payment Review” tabs.
 - Note: The **Inpatient Data Review** button is only compatible with Excel 365 and newer versions. If you are using an older version of Excel, please contact eric.yang@chiamass.gov for further assistance.

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Payer Reporting of Relative Price
A. File Overview and Payer Verification

Save & Name Submission

Contact Name: *
Contact Email: *

Required Fields *

Table A.1: File Overview

Payer OrgID *
Payer Name *
Risk Tool and Version *
Submission Year *
Data Year *

Inpatient Data Review
Outpatient Data Review

Table A.2: Data Checks

Hos Inpatient Data Tab
Hos Outpatient Data Tab
Hos IP Review
IP Payments Review
OP Service Review

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- Return to the “HOS Inpatient Data” tab. Columns I through M will be populated with the results of the data validation. Any invalid data entered will trigger an error message to appear in the blue columns (see example below). Note: the **Inpatient Data Review** button must be clicked to apply the data checks to all of the entered data.

	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
	ClaimsPayment	NonClaimsPayment	Discharge	CaseMixScore	Hospital	HospitalType	InsuranceCategory	ProductType	DataChecks
1			1		1 Anna Jaques Hospital	Acute Hospital	Medicare Advantage	HMO and POS	ERROR! Payments Amounts Must Be Entered
2									
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- Click on the “Hos IP Review” tab, this tab checks to ensure that only one line of data was entered for each Hospital/Hospital Type/Insurance Category/Product Type, and provides the payments entered for review. Once the “Hos IP Review” button on the “Front Page” tab is clicked, the data within the “Hos Inpatient Review” can be used by the data submitter to review their data prior to submission.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	HospitalOrgID	HospitalTypeCode	InsuranceCategoryCode	ProductTypeCode	Sum of ClaimsPayments	Sum of NonClaimsPayments	Sum of Total Payments	Count of CaseMixScore
1	1	1	1	1				1
2	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)				
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- Click on the “HOS IP Payments Review” tab. This tab checks to ensure that acute hospitals with psych payments are reported as a subset of the total acute hospital payments, and also provides the payments entered for review.

Please review the Total Payments reported for each Hospital

Table G.1: Inpatient Payments by Hospital Type

Sum of Total Payments

HospitalOrgID	InsuranceCategoryCode	ProductTypeCode	HospitalTypeCode	(blank)	(blank)	Data Check
(blank)	1	1	1	\$0	\$0	
(blank)	(blank)	(blank)		\$0	\$0	

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- Return to the “Front Page” tab after correcting any data issues flagged. Table A.2 will no longer be highlighted in yellow or red when the entered data has been validated.
- When the data has been validated, please fill out Table A.3 acknowledging that you have reviewed the data entered and it is correct. There is also space for data submitters to include any relevant comments.
- Fill out table A.4, including the **Hospitals** and **Percent of Payments** columns for inpatient. These columns may not appear highlighted, but users will be capable of inputting their in-network and out-of-network information.

The screenshot displays a spreadsheet application with several tables and a detailed view of Table A.4.

Table A.2: Data Checks

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Table A.4: In-Network Providers (Inpatient)

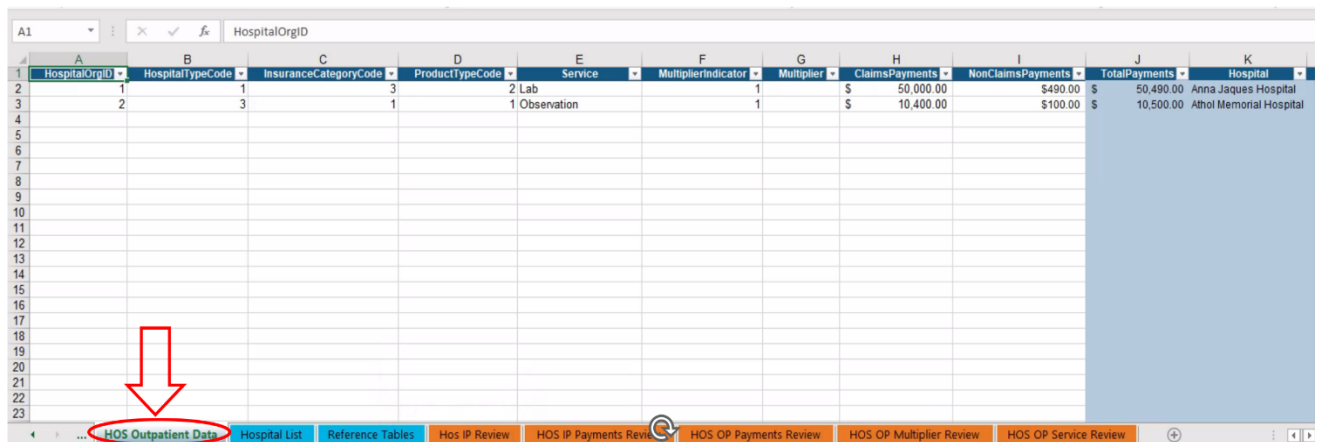
Insurance Category	Product Type	Total Claims Payments	Total Non-Claims Payments	Number of Hospitals	Hospitals		Percent of Payments	
					In Network *	Out of Network *	In Network *	Out of Network *

Red arrows in the screenshot point to the acknowledgment rows in Table A.3 and the 'Hospitals' and 'Percent of Payments' columns in Table A.4.

3. Entering Hospital Outpatient RP Data

***Please note that these instructions also work for the Physician Group and Other Provider data templates**

- Click on the “HOS Outpatient Data” tab located to the right of the “HOS Inpatient Data” tab.
- Users must enter data in columns A through I on the left side of the screen.
- The columns to the right highlighted in blue contain data checks for the inputted data. These cells are locked and will auto-populate when validating the entered data.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
HospitalOrgID	HospitalTypeCode	InsuranceCategoryCode	ProductTypeCode	Service	MultiplierIndicator	Multiplier	ClaimsPayments	NonClaimsPayments	TotalPayments	Hospital
1	1	1	3	2 Lab	1		\$ 50,000.00	\$490.00	\$ 50,490.00	Anna Jaques Hospital
2	2	3	1	1 Observation	1		\$ 10,400.00	\$100.00	\$ 10,500.00	Alton Memorial Hospital
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- For details on the data fields to enter, please refer to the Data Specification Manual.
- User reference materials for certain fields are also included within the template on the tabs highlighted in light blue:
 - a. The Provider List is included on the “Hospital List” tab (or “Physician Group List”, or “Other Provider List” in those respective templates).
 - b. The Relative Price Reference Tables from the Data Specification Manual (for the Hospital Type, Insurance Category, Product Type, and Multiplier Indicator) are also included in the “Reference Tables” tab.

- Return to the “Front Page” tab and click on the **Outpatient Data Review** button:
 - Note: The **Outpatient Data Review** button is only compatible with Excel 365 and newer versions. If you are using an older version of Excel, please contact eric.yang@chiamass.gov for further assistance.

- Return to the “HOS Outpatient Data” tab. Columns J through P will be populated with the results of the data validation. Any invalid data entered will trigger an error message to appear in the blue columns (see example below). Note: the **Outpatient Data Review** button must be clicked to apply the data checks to all of the entered data.

	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
	Multiplier	ClaimsPayments	NonClaimsPayments	TotalPayments	Hospital	HospitalType	InsuranceCategory	Product	MultiplierType	DataChecks
2	\$	50,000.00		\$	50,490.00	Anna Jaques Hospital	Acute Hospital	Commercial (self and fully insured PPO)	Negotiated multiplier (not calculated)	ERROR: Multiplier Value Must Be Greater than Zero

- Click on the “HOS OP Payments Review” tab, this tab shows the total payments entered for each unique Hospital/Hospital Type/Insurance Category/Product Type combination for review.

Please review the Total Payments reported for each Hospital

Table H.1: Total Outpatient Payments by Hospital

HospitalOrgID	HospitalTypeCode	InsuranceCategoryCode	ProductTypeCode	Sum of ClaimsPayments	Sum of NonClaimsPayments	Sum of Total Payments
(blank)	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)			\$0

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- Click on the “HOS OP Multiplier Review” tab. This includes the range of multipliers and payments entered for review.

Please review the Range of Multipliers reported for each Service

Table I.1: Summary of Multipliers by Service

HospitalTypeCode	InsuranceCategoryCode	ProductTypeCode	Service	Max of Multiplier	Min of Multiplier	Average of Multiplier
1	3	2	Lab	1.5	1.5	1.5
(blank)	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)			

... Hospital List Reference Tables Hos IP Review Hos IP Payments Review HOS OP Payments Review **HOS OP Multiplier Review** HOS OP Service Review

- Click on the “OP Service Review” tab. This tab checks to ensure that only one multiplier was entered for each Hospital/Hospital Type/Insurance Category/Product Type/Service combination (i.e. only one line of data per unique combination).

The screenshot shows an Excel spreadsheet with the following content:

Please review the Services reported for each Hospital						
Table J.1: List of Services per Hospital						
HospitalOrgID	HospitalTypeCode	InsuranceCategoryCode	ProductTypeCode	Service	Count of Multiplier	Data Review
(blank)	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)	(blank)		

The 'Data Review' column header is circled in red. A red arrow points down to the 'HOS OP Service Review' tab in the bottom right corner of the spreadsheet.

- Return to the “Front Page” tab. Table A.2 will no longer have cells highlighted in yellow or red when all the data has been validated.
- Fill out the remaining content on Table A.3 to confirm that you have reviewed the hospital outpatient data.

- Fill out table A.5, including the **Hospitals** and **Percent of Payments** columns for outpatient. These columns may not appear highlighted, but users will be capable of inputting their in-network and out-of-network information.

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I acknowledge I have reviewed the OP Multiplier Review tab *	
I acknowledge I have reviewed the OP Service Review tab *	
RP Comments	
Additional Comments	

4. Submitting the Data

****Please note that these instructions also work for the Physician Group and Other Provider data templates***

- Click on the “Save & Name Submission” button located to the right of the “Front Page” tab.
- If errors are identified in the data, users will not be allowed to save the file until errors are corrected.
- If all data is validated by the data checks, users will be prompted to save the file in the required file name. **IMPORTANT:** In order for the file to be accepted by the CHIA Submissions upload, it **MUST** be in the file name generated by the “Save & Name Submission” button.

The screenshot displays the CHIA Submissions data submission platform interface. The top section is titled "Payer Reporting of Relative Price" and "A. File Overview and Payer Verification". Below this, there are input fields for "Contact Name" and "Contact Email", both marked as "Required Fields". To the right of these fields is a button labeled "Save & Name Submission", which is circled in red. Below the contact fields are two tables: "Table A.1: File Overview" and "Table A.2: Data Checks". "Table A.1: File Overview" has fields for "Payer OrgID", "Payer Name", "Risk Tool and Version", "Submission Year", and "Data Year". "Table A.2: Data Checks" has fields for "Hos Inpatient Data Tab", "Hos Outpatient Data Tab", and "Hos IP Review". The interface also includes a "Front Page" tab and a "HOS IP Review" tab.

- After saving the file, go to <https://chiasubmissions.chia.state.ma.us> to access the CHIA Submissions data submission platform. **NOTE:** CHIA Submissions operates best in Google Chrome

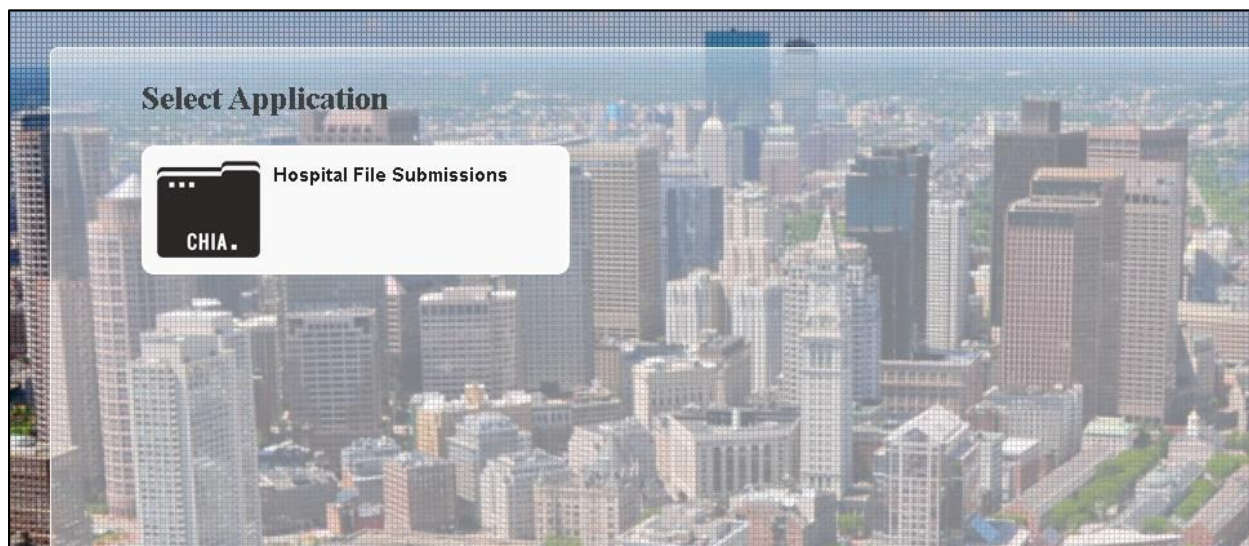
- Users will be prompted to log in. Returning RP data submitters can use the same credentials that were previously used to access INET. New users must register for access. For more information, visit [CHIA's "Information for Data Submitters" web page](#).



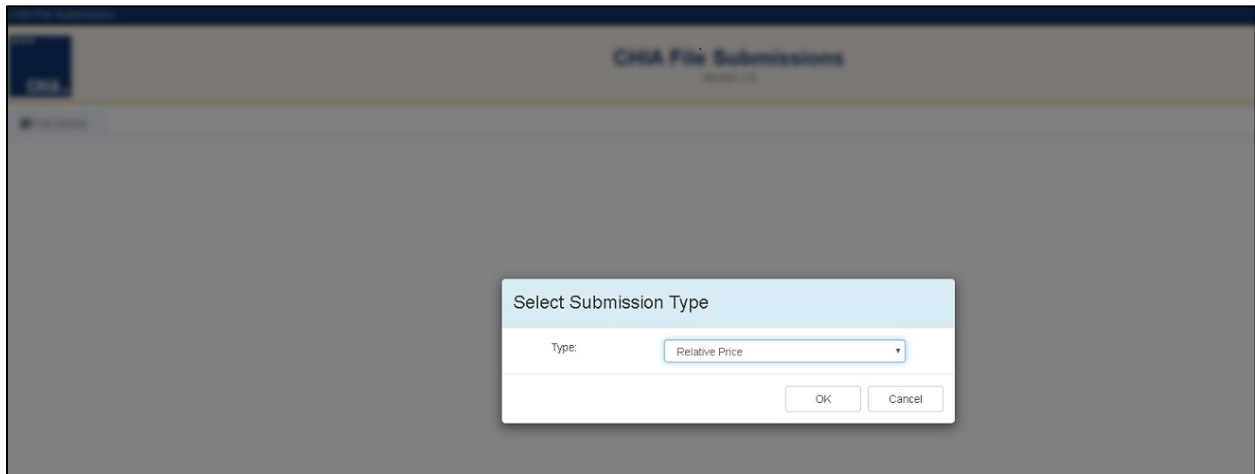
The screenshot displays the CHIA Application Single Sign On interface. The left side features a large graphic with the text "CHIA Application Single Sign On" and "Simple and secure access for CHIA Applications." The right side contains a login form with the following elements:

- A disclaimer: "This is a subscription site and requires registration with the Center for Health Information and Analysis prior to using this site."
- The CHIA logo.
- Input fields for "Username" and "Password".
- A checkbox for "Remember Me" and a link for "Forgot Password?".
- A "Login" button.
- Footer text: "If you have any questions or technical issues, please contact the Center for Health Information and Analysis' Help Desk." and "Email: CHIA-DL-Data-Submitter-HelpDesk@MassMail.State.MA.US".

- After logging in, select the File Submissions Application
- Note: Most users will only have one Application, however some users may have access to multiple Applications if the user is responsible for uploading multiple data submissions to CHIA.



- Users will be prompted to select a Submission Type. Please select “Relative Price” from the dropdown menu.



- On the File Submissions page, users can upload a file on the right side of the page.
 - Click the “Browse” button and select the RP file in the correct file name structure.
 - After selecting the file, click the “Save and Upload” button on the top right corner.
- Files that have been submitted will be shown on the left side of the screen.

The screenshot displays the 'CHIA File Submissions' web application. The interface includes a header with the CHIA logo and navigation links. The main content area is divided into two sections: a table on the left for submitted files and a form on the right for uploading new files. The table has columns for 'File Name' and 'Last Submitted'. The upload form includes a 'Fiscal Year' dropdown set to '2020' and a 'Filename' input field. Two buttons are highlighted with red boxes: 'Hospital Name' (with a 'Save and Upload' sub-button) and 'Browse...'.