May 20, 2025, Submitter Forum[*]

ATTENDEES	
• Lee Spangler, Executive Director	• Devin York, Senior Project Manager
• Joseph Harrison, Data Process Manager	• Jodie Nassar, Data Operations Manager

AGENDA
• Sensitive Information • Definition of Inpatient • Placeholder Data • Data Format Enforcement • Exceptions • Stage 2 Quality Report • Missing Members/Providers • Submission Schedule Clarification

DISCUSSION TOPICS – Q&A

General

1. General comments from the Center:

The Center thanks everyone for participating in this submitter forum. The answers provided here are our best understanding of the questions submitted. As always, something may get lost in translation. If there needs to be further clarification on any question, please submit a ticket and we can start that dialogue.

Some questions may have been repeated from the last Q&A as they are still pertinent.

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[*] Some questions submitted have been edited for clarity.

Registration

2.   I am a new submitter, where should I go to find information on the entire submission process?

Please visit https://go.uth.edu/txapcd, under the Texas All-Payor Claims Database menu, select Submitter Registration & Info. Download and review the Data Submission Guide, Technical Guide, and Common Data Layout. For any further questions on generating a submission account or how to submit a ticket, please contact us via the general mailbox: txapcd@uth.tmc.edu.

3.   Please clarify who needs to register each year. Is it the end user or the organization?

According to §21.5404 (b) Payors or their designees must register with the Center each year to submit data, consistent with the instructions and procedures contained in the submission guide. Payors must communicate any changes to registration information by contacting the Center within 30 days using the contact information provided in the submission guide.

Registration is at the payor (organization) level.

3.0.1 – CDL File Submission:

4.   Concerning submissions of 3.0.1 test files, which month(s) are you expecting?

The TX-APCD does not have a recommendation on month(s). Our suggestion is to submit enough files to ensure you feel comfortable submitting to the new CDL 3.0.1 format in April.

5.   If it's not an affordable care plan, what do you expect in the new Plan Name field?

The TX-APCD would expect whatever identifier you use internally to differentiate your plans. We understand in some cases this may be an internal identifier or some other internal nomenclature.

6.   The plan received an extension from UTHealth to comply with APCD requirements by 12/31/2025. If the plan is equipped to do so, should we engage in testing the new CDL before requesting an extension for filing under the new CDL? If not equipped to test the new CDL just yet, can an extension be requested without testing?

There are probably several new groups that are caught between CDL versions. It is our suggestion that you submit a ticket via the ticket TX-APCD portal at: https://txapcd.org/. This will ensure we can discuss what strategy is best for you.

7. **Will the Stage-Two Data Quality Checks also be activated at the same time as the new CDL 3.0.1 and will payors be expected to meet the new thresholds as of 4/7/2025?**

The Stage II Data Quality Checks are scheduled to be instituted in the February submission window.

8. **If we pass testing with the TX-APCD in advance of the April 7 start date, can we begin using the new CDL after that testing is approved or must we wait to use the new CDL until after April 7? If we submit files early, should February be resent in the new format in April?**

Any data submitted prior to April 1, 2025 must be in the old CDL format (version 1.09). The TX-APCD expects that February data (due by April 7th) should be compliant with CDL 3.0.1. Any file submitted thereafter will need to be CDL 3.0.1 compliant.

9. **When will the change log be provided?**

All documents should be available online by the end of the week at https://go.uth.edu/txapcd, under the Texas All-Payor Claims Database menu, select Submitter Registration & Info.

Claim Versioning

10. **Is there any ETA on the individual claim versioning discussions with reporting entities?**

We have been actively engaging submitters, but the process has been more involved than we first anticipated; however, we are making progress. Bear with us, we will eventually reach out to engage with you.

Quality

11. **Would you be able to go over how to decipher the stage two quality check report; how the below and above cut offs work, as well as the heatmap?**

We intend to have a deeper discussion on this in a future submitter forum.

12. **We received a data quality flag on a claim having a member that was not on the eligibility file. Should our eligibility file include all members from the beginning of time as members are terminated, we drop them from our eligibility file. However, in our system we can pay claims from members that were serviced during the eligibility period but not submitted or paid for up to one year after the service date. We can have "new" claims paid after the Member has since terminated eligibility.**

From the Data Submission Guide (DSG) Section 5.4: "A member eligibility file is composed of demographic information for each individual member eligible for medical, pharmacy, and/or dental benefits for one or more days of coverage at any time during the reporting period."

Miscellaneous

13. How often will these sessions be held or is this a one-time call?

The TX-APCD has changed the submitter forum to accommodate groups in different time zones. These meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:30 PM CT. Based on submitter feedback, we plan on going to a two-month cadence. Starting with our first submitter forum in January 2024, the meetings will occur every other month (March, May, July, September, November). Please ensure the TX-APCD has your latest contact information to ensure we can include you in the next meeting.

14. Can we get a copy of the slides?

Yes, the slides will be posted at https://go.uth.edu/txapcd – (Texas All-Payor Claims Database – Submitter Registration & Info).

ACTION ITEMS
• Send notification for July 2025 Submitter Forum.