

August 18, 2026 Submitter Forum*

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

AGENDA
• Medical Claim Dollar Amounts from CDL • Reporting Medicare Advantage Members • Information for MA Members • AES-256 Encryption

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 a dialogue.

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

Registration**2. 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.

- *Claim estimates should be for the entire year.*

* Some questions submitted have been edited for clarity.

- *Exception and Extension requests are only granted for up to one year; renewals coincide with annual registration renewal (which is required) and cannot be reviewed for determination until registration renewal is processed as complete for the current year.*
- *If submitting for multiple organizations, coverage estimates should be documented by the organization.*

Medical Claim Dollar Amounts from CDL

3. If inpatient stays are paid on a single code in the claim system, may the revenue code lines be reported as zero paid since the payment for the stay was made on a single code?

Yes, they may stay as a 0 paid and even a 0 allowed amount. If there is a charged amount or a billed amount, we'd like to have that. But we would expect the paid and the allowed amount to be on the line that has the revenue code for the all-inclusive stay.

Information for MA Members

4. What are the three fields that are being used to help identify data gaps for Medicare Advantage Members?

*Being able to accurately identify Medicare Advantage members is important for research. For this reason, to identify data gaps for Medicare Advantage members, the three CDL fields that are used to identify these gaps are: CDLME003 – Plan ID, CDLME011 – Plan Specific Contract Number, and TXME1029 – Plan Name. Please ensure your organization is properly populating these fields to help close the gap between what is being reported versus the monthly enrollment published by CMS. We will be reviewing these fields beginning **January 1, 2027** to help with this effort.*

AES-256 Encryption

5. When will the AES-256 encryption method for data file submissions be validated?

*On **January 1, 2027**, we will be validating the AES-256 encryption algorithm that you use to create your ZIP package. If it does not conform to the AES-256 encryption algorithm, as outlined in the technical guide, your submission will be rejected.*

Miscellaneous

6. 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 October 2026 Submitter Forum.