

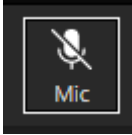
# **All-Payor Claims Database (APCD) of Texas Submitter Feedback Forum**

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# Welcome!

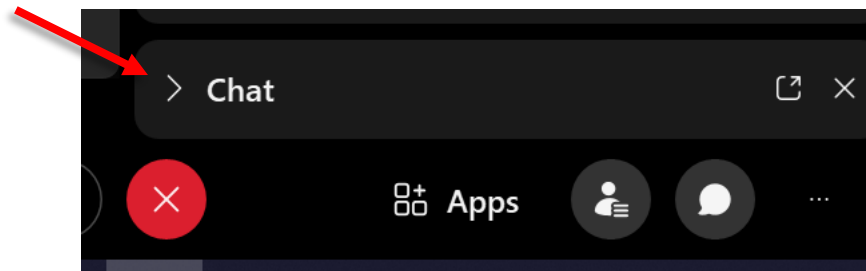
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- ◆ Welcome and Housekeeping
  - ◆ Thank You!
  - ◆ Please place your audio on mute 
  - ◆ Slides and notes will be made available on our website

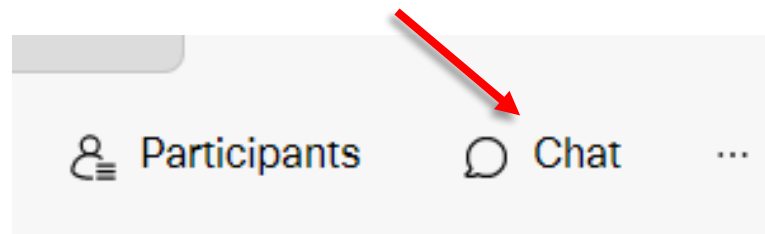
## Webex & Chat

- ◆ **Reminder:** The “Chat” function in Webex can be found on the bottom right-hand corner of your screen on most devices. In some instances, it may appear in the upper right-hand corner. Please enter your questions there.
- ◆ When entering a question in the chat, please respond to “**Everyone**” to ensure your question is visible so it can be acknowledged.

### Desktop Application



### Website Application



## Agenda

- Reminder – Monthly & Historical Go-Live Updates
- Submission Updates
- Reminder – Test
- What “Calendar Year” Means
- CDL Exception Threshold
- Coming Soon: New TX-APCD Website

## Reminder – Monthly & Historical Go-Live Updates

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- ◆ As announced last month, the start of submissions to the TX-APCD will be *delayed at least* 60 days.
  - ◆ Simplify the SFTP file submission process.
  - ◆ TX-APCD to enhance quality and validation checks.
- ◆ TX-APCD will provide *at least 30* days notice before notification of the start of the monthly and historical file submissions. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> submission window is still valid.

## Submission Updates

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- ◆ TX-APCD is re-engineering the SFTP folder so that:
  - ◆ Users can only navigate to their assigned directory.
  - ◆ Users will not be able to navigate the folder structure.
  - ◆ Internal testing is currently ongoing.
- ◆ Will provide new server name, IP, technical guide and new submission start dates (monthly and historical) once testing is completed.

## Reminder – Test

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- ◆ Please continue to test.
- ◆ Makes go-live much smoother for all parties.
- ◆ A notice will be sent out via email next week to submitters by payor code that have not tested.
- ◆ **Thank you** to the 14 organizations (totaling 24 payor codes) that have tested and had at least 1 file pass and the 3 organizations that have successfully completed testing.

**Note:** Submitters are required to complete successful test file submission before the start of monthly and historical data file submission.

**~60% of submitters have not submitted a test file**

## What “Calendar Year” Means

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- ◆ TX-APCD defines calendar year as January 1 – December 31 of any given year.
- ◆ This means any requests granted for “Calendar Year 2023” expire on the last day of the year, December 31, 2023.
  - ◆ New exception/extension requests will need to be submitted for the 2024 data file submission year.
  - ◆ Registration, per TDI rule, is on a calendar year basis.
  - ◆ Reminder: There are no “exemptions” or **permanent** exceptions or extensions.
- ◆ The first year of the TX-APCD is not typical because we are starting mid-year, but after that it will be on a regular cycle.



## CDL Exception Threshold

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- ◆ Only need to submit exceptions when:
  - ◆ The field is **Required** (no exception is necessary where Required Column is "**Not Required**", "**Required If Available**", or "**Optional**").
  - ◆ Some groups have submitted a threshold that was higher than the existing threshold (not all thresholds are 100%).
- ◆ Exceptions are granted by PAYOR CODE, so remember that you need to specify the payor code in each request (especially if you have multiple payor codes).
- ◆ To submit an exception, ALWAYS complete the Exception Request Form and be as detailed as possible in your explanation of why the exception is needed. This is very helpful in making a determination. Also, include the Threshold Exception Spreadsheet if your exception request includes threshold exceptions.

## Coming Soon: New TX-APCD Website

- ◆ We have been working on updating our website.
  - ◆ New format anticipated to go-live in May.
  - ◆ Some changes made were based on submitter feedback.
  - ◆ All information will transfer over to new website.

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### Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD)

In September 2021, [House Bill \(HB\) 2090](#), a health care transparency law passed in the 87th Legislative session, established the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD) within The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth Houston) and UTHealth School of Public Health Center for Health Care Data.

The TX-APCD includes medical, pharmacy, and dental claims, eligibility, and provider files collected from private and public payors. It will contain administrative claims information on 60% of all covered Texans. Or, put another way, almost 100% of medical claims subject to state regulation will be included in the TX-APCD.

#### TX-APCD Improves Population Health

By providing disease prevalence and incidence surveillance, as demonstrated in payor claims, the TX-APCD offers utilization data to decision-makers accountable for improving population health.

## Questions?

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- ◆ Questions –
  - ◆ Please submit via chat.
  - ◆ If your question is specific to your organization, for:
    - ◆ General questions – send email inquiries to [txapcd@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:txapcd@uth.tmc.edu).
    - ◆ Portal and data submission questions – please enter a ticket via the portal.