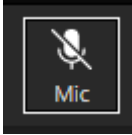# All-Payor Claims Database (APCD) of Texas Submitter Feedback Forum

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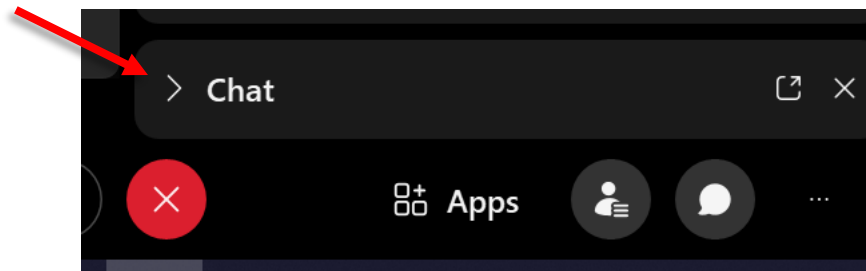
Welcome!

◆ Welcome and Housekeeping

    ◆ Thank You!

    ◆ Please place your audio on mute

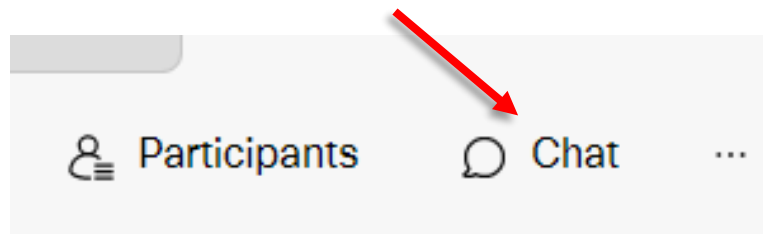   ◆ Slides and notes will be made available on our website

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

- SFTP Updates
- Improvements
- Submission Timeframes
- CDL 3.0.1
- Past Due Data File Submissions List

SFTP Updates

❖ On May 16th, security updates were applied to the SFTP server.

❖ This update broke a number of connections for submitters using SFTP to submit their files.

❖ A test server was set up to determine a fix for the issue, and the known impacted submitters were invited to test and debug with the TACC team.

❖ Resolutions were found for most of the submitters impacted.

❖ On July 18th, the adjustments were rolled into production.

❖ If you were one of the submitters impacted by this issue, please test to ensure that you are still able to submit.

❖ Your connection information will not have changed.
    apcd-sftp.txapcd.org

❖ If you encounter any issues, please submit at ticket at:
    https://txapcd.org/workbench/dashboard/

Improvements (Validation Report)

- In August, a few improvements will be moved into production.
- The file consistency suite has often generated tickets around readability.
- Improving the readability of the results for this suite.
- New section in the report "Table-Level" Expectations (i.e., File-Level expectations).

Table-Level Expectations

Status	Expectation	Observed Value
✅	Values in `header_file_type` and `trailer_file_type` must always be equal.	0% unexpected
✅	Values in `file_type` and `trailer_file_type` must always be equal.	0% unexpected
✅	Values in `header_payor_code` and `trailer_payor_code` must always be equal.	0% unexpected
✅	Values in `file_payor_code` and `trailer_payor_code` must always be equal.	0% unexpected
✅	Values in `header_test_file_flag` and `file_test_file_flag` must always be equal.	0% unexpected
✅	Values in `line_number_of_trailer_record` and `total_number_of_lines_in_file` must always be equal.	0% unexpected
✅	Must have greater than or equal to `0` and less than or equal to `5` rows.	5

Improvements (Validation Report)

- Small changes in the Validation Notification email.
- Report name includes submission ID (in the example, 170).

Improvements (Zero-Data Files)

- Based on requests we received from multiple submitters last year, we allowed for zero-data submissions.

- This is to support cases for small or legacy plans that didn't have any claims in a given month.

- However, this creates a gap as far as visibility of continuous enrollment for a member.

- This means that the ME (enrollment/eligibility) file should NOT be zero-data.

- A zero-data file has a header and a trailer but no data rows.

Improvements (Format Validation – November)

- Starting in November 2024, data format will be validated.

- The CDL specifies a data type and length for each field.

- These types and lengths will be validated to improve overall data quality.

- Example: character data will not be allowed in a numeric field.

    "*****.**" will not be allowed as a monetary value (ex. charge amount)

    "17.65" will not be allowed as a monetary value (should be integer 1765)

- Example: field data cannot exceed indicated length.

    74081-1234 will not be accepted for a postal code (10 characters)

    740811234 (9 characters)

Submission Timeframes

- ❖ Some submitters – when a file submission fails – will simultaneously resubmit a corrected file **AND** a request for extension.
  - ❖ We are now seeing circumstances where an extension is requested and the resubmission **passes** stage 1 testing.
  - ❖ The extension filing ultimately is not necessary, but does add to our workload.
- ❖ Recall – the touchstone for compliance is timely submission.
- ❖ If a monthly data file submission is turned in on time (on or before the due date), if the data file does not pass, a submitter has 14 days to correct and resubmit the data file. It is timely submission that equates to compliance.
  - ❖ If a resubmission fails, then another 14 day submission period begins.
- ❖ We urge you to resubmit first, then request an extension. An extension request is only needed for corrected resubmissions if you determine it will take more than the 14 days to correct and resubmit the data file.

CDL 3.0.1

❖ Just a reminder – there is a rulemaking process underway to adopt (along with other changes) a new CDL.

❖ TDI has completed the informal rulemaking stage and will in the near future move into formal rulemaking. No date finalized.

    ❖ Publication in the Texas Register with a comment period.

❖ There will be plenty of time offered between any adoption of the new CDL and compliance.

    ❖ We plan to offer a submission test period for the new CDL.

❖ Our goal is to communicate with submitters and solve any technical issues that may arise.

Past Due Data File Submissions List

- ❖ Per submitter request, the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (TX-APCD) has prepared a notification to update submitters on any missing data files via email.

- ❖ Currently we notify submitters via email when they have not submitted for the current month, but this will provide a formatted table that lists all missing data files by:
    - ❖ Submitter code
    - ❖ Payor code
    - ❖ Data period that is missing
    - ❖ Expected submission date

- ❖ Notifications to submitters when data files have not been submitted for the current month will still be issued. We will supplement by sending this additional list that accounts for all missing data files (which includes files that have failed) a couple of times a year.

- ❖ We hope that this helps support submitters with their efforts of data file submission as it will provide an update of each submitter/payor code to make it easier for submitters to track the status of their data file submissions.

Questions?

◆ Questions –
  ◆ Please submit via chat.
  ◆ If your question is specific to your organization, for:
    ◆ General questions – send email inquiries to txapcd@uth.tmc.edu.
    ◆ Portal and data submission questions – please enter a ticket via the submitter portal at https://txapcd.org.