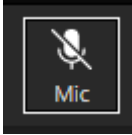


All-Payor Claims Database (APCD) of Texas Submitter Feedback Forum

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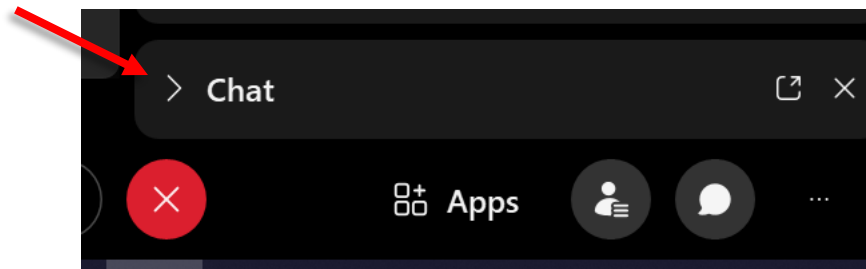
Welcome!

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

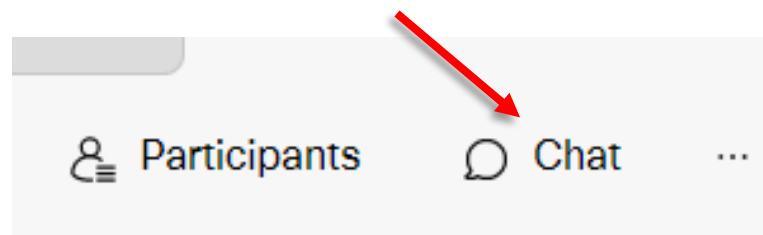
Webex & Chat

- ◆ **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

- Update to TDI Rule
- New Data File Submission Timeframe
- Data Format Enforcement
- Stage II Data Quality Checks
- Difference Between TACC and TX-APCD

Update to TDI Rule

TDI adopts amendments to the Texas APCD rules

Texas Department of Insurance sent this bulletin at 11/08/2024 12:29 PM CST

[View as webpage](#)

To be published in the 11/22
Texas Register.

The rules are effective 11/27.

TDI | Texas Department of Insurance

The Texas Department of Insurance has adopted rule changes for the Texas All-Payor Claims Database (APCD).

The amendments:

- Update the Texas APCD Common Data Layout to make technical clarifications.
- Require more timely data submissions.
- Make changes to the advisory committee.

The changes implement House Bill 3414 (88R, 2023).

View the [adoption order](#) and the [Texas APCD CDL v3.0.1](#).

For other dates and documents, visit TDI's [Proposed and Adopted Rules for 2024](#) webpage.

Update to TDI Rule

Timing of Payor Submissions:

- Allows for TX-APCD to supplement current wastewater monitoring.
- Updated timeline of data file submission from 90 days after adjudication to 30 days after adjudication.
- **Applies to monthly data file submissions due on or after March 7, 2025**, containing data for months beginning January 1, 2025. Payors must submit data for November and December 2024 at the same time as January 2025 data.

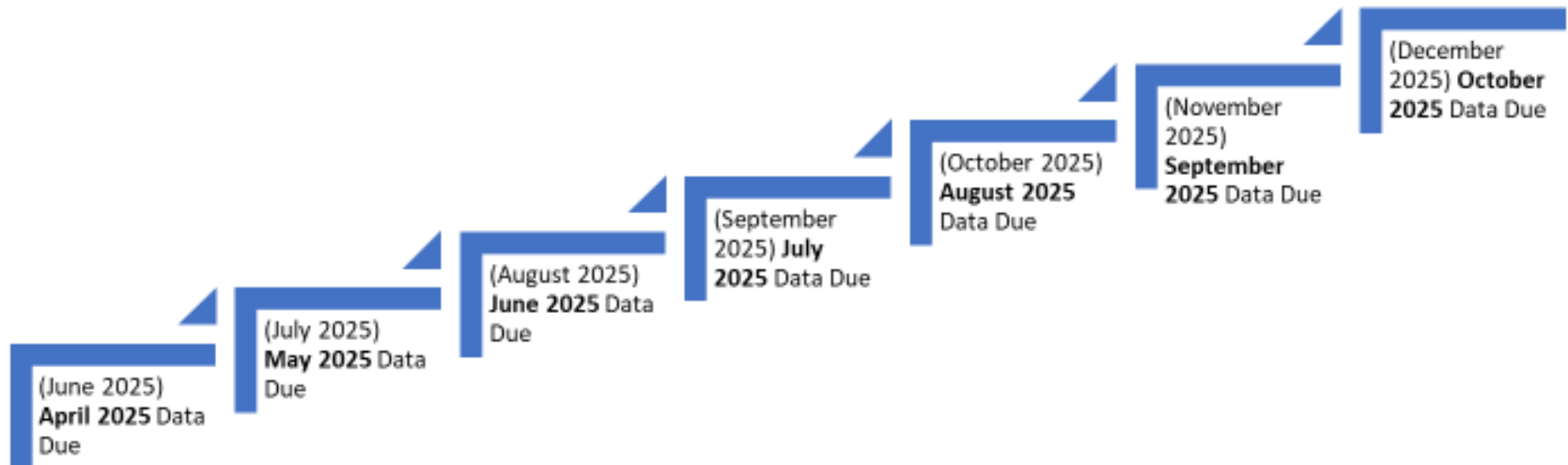
New Data File Submission Timeframe

Next 6 Months ...



New Data File Submission Timeframe

... and into the future



Data Format Enforcement

- Follow-up on announcements made in previous two forums
- This initiative is designed to more closely align submissions with the Common Data Layout (CDL)
- The CDL specifies data types and lengths for each field in each file
- For example:
 - Money values should be reported as cents
20000 instead of 200.00 or \$200.00
NULL instead of "*****.*)"
 - Dates as integers (CCYYMMDD or CCYYMM)
20241119 instead of 11/19/2024 or Nov 19 2024
202411 instead of Nov 2024 or 11/2024
 - ZIP codes in digits only (with leading zeros)
770811234 instead of 77081-1234
009791126 instead of 9791126

Data Format Enforcement – Implementation

- Three months of tests and validations against recently passed submissions
 - December – testing and reporting on 202408 submission
 - January – testing and reporting on 202409 submission
 - February – testing and reporting on 202410 submission
 - Updated rule set implemented for March submission window
- The relevant submission in each month will be tested against the updated rule set
- The standard reports will be generated along with a “difference” report indicating fields with issues when evaluated against the updated rule set
- Basically, you will receive the same standard email with the standard attachments, but with an additional attachment (difference.html)
- The difference report will be a simple listing of each data file along with each of the fields not in conformance with the updated rule set

Stage II Data Quality Checks

- You should have received an attachment to the invitation for this forum titled “TX-APCD-Common_Stage_II_Data_Quality_Checks.pdf” (will be posted on the APCD website)
- It lists 25 of the data quality checks used to assess overall quality of a payor’s submissions
- You will notice that there are some gaps in the “Check Number” column
- There are currently over 100 checks in the Stage II rule set, but we are going to bring focus to these in phases over time
- In this first phase, the focus will be on this set of 25 checks
- In Stage II, some rules look across data files and across time
- As we have indicated before, there are no hard thresholds in Stage II (in other words, not necessarily “wrong”)
- The goal is to detect anomalies and then investigate to determine whether or not there really is an issue and whether or not any action needs to be taken (either by the Center or the submitter)

Stage II Data Quality Checks – Reports

- We will start automating the generation of Stage II quality reports in December 2024.
- Initial reports will look at the entire history of submissions, with a focus on the overall usability of the data.
- Subsequent reports will look at the most recent 24 months of submissions.
- This will allow for year-to-year and month-to-month comparisons
- The report layout will have the same “flavor” as the Stage I reports, to the extent possible. However, the nature of the checks can vary quite a bit in the Stage II quality checks, so the actual information provided will likely be different across checks.
- Each report will ONLY include the checks where anomalies were detected. This is a significant difference from the Stage I reports.
- If you receive a report, and have a question, please open a ticket so that your question can be addressed.

Stage II Data Quality Checks – Feedback

- If you have questions about any of the checks published, please open a ticket to get an answer.
- We will post the questions and answers on the website so that they can benefit the entire community.
- The Q&A about each quality check will be linked to the quality check for easy access and reference.

Difference Between TACC and TX-APCD

While the Center for Health Care Data (Center) at UTHealth Houston is the administrator of the TX-APCD (<https://txapcd.org/>), the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) manages the log in information and data warehouse for the TX-APCD.

- For this reason, to access the portal, a submitter must set up a TACC account, BUT it should be set up through the link provided in the TX-APCD portal at: <https://accounts.tacc.utexas.edu/apcd/register>. This is the only way for the Center to know that a submitter has set up an account that should be linked to the TX-APCD.

Difference Between TACC and TX-APCD

We know this can be confusing since there are times when TACC will communicate with submitters directly and help troubleshoot issues with user IDs and MFA exceptions, but in general, all correspondence should start with the TX-APCD and be submitted as:

- 1) A ticket in the portal for Technical Support related to data file submission; and
- 2) questions related to regulations, registration, and exception and extension requests should be directed to the general mailbox at txapcd@uth.tmc.edu.

Reminder: Please look for reference to the TX-APCD in order to confirm you are on the correct website. If the site you are on only references TACC, then you are not on a webpage that links to the TX-APCD portal.

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>.