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November 19, 2024, Submitter Forum[*]

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

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

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 (CDL). 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.

File Submission

4.   With the multiple months due in March 2025, should these be submitted in the similar format of when we submitted historical data where each month was submitted separately?

Yes, the TX-APCD expects that all file packages be submitted for a single year-month.

5.   Thinking about the claim versioning, are you collecting reversals and paid claims?

The Center has had several meetings on versioning with the Technical Work Group as well as individual payors. We intend to provide more guidance on this important topic shortly and understand there is no one-size fits all solution. We will socialize that guidance in a future submitter forum.

6.   Will there be a new CDL that includes all the changes?

The new CDL 3.0.1 adopted (11/08/2024) by The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) will include all the errata changes to the previous CDL as well newly incorporated fields suggested by the National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO). Please be aware that the TX-APCD must provide notification on when the new CDL will go into effect as well as testing timelines. The TX-APCD will provide this guidance in a future submitter forum.

7. **If we are already submitting data in a timely manner, i.e. November 2024 is submitted in December 2024, etc. will the timeframe change impact us?**

Many submitters are already submitting files prior to the 90-day submission deadline in the previous rule. If you were already submitting files 30 days post-adjudication, then you should not be affected by this deadline change. However, this is a change in regulation and submitters should be aware of this submission timeline change to make sure they are caught up in March 2025 (xref 28 TAC §21.5405).

Data Quality

8. **Regarding the Difference Reports that are going to be run - will you run it automatically on previously submitted files, or do we need to resubmit files?**

The TX-APCD will execute these reports on all files submitted, no resubmission required.

9. **Am I correct in understanding that these DQ checks will eventually be incorporated into the ongoing standing DQ checks immediately after file submission?**

Some Data Quality/Stage II checks might be incorporated into the submission report, but since some Stage II checks require longitudinal checks across submissions, these two reports cannot be generated at the same time. Please note that the Data Quality reports often highlight anomalies or note issues which may or may not have a solution. It is our hope, at the very least, to start a conversation when these Data Quality issues arise. The TX-APCD has set a goal of providing the Stage II Data Quality Checks report within two weeks of submission.

10. **If an issue is found in Stage II validation, how much time will we have to correct the issue?**

For submissions that fail a Stage II check, the submitter has 14 days to submit a corrected file but can ask for an extension. For Stage II validations, these data quality issues may or may not have a corrective solution, but are merely highlighting anomalies in the data. The TX-APCD and the submitter should then start a conversation around the issue. The TX-APCD's goal is continuous data quality improvement.

11. **We have passed several of the CDL format verification tests. Do you have new format requirements that make it necessary to re-run verification tests? If you do, what are they?**

No new format requirements, but rather the TX-APCD will be validating more rigorously to the actual specification of the CDL. Prior to this, and as new APCD, the TX-APCD was somewhat liberal in the data that was accepted. However, this has resulted in some data quality issues.

Miscellaneous

12. Where can we get the new CDL 3.0.1 document?

https://go.uth.edu/txapcd.

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.

Security

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). The TX-APCD also will send out a link to the slides and Q&A as part of meeting notice for the subsequent submitter forum.

ACTION ITEMS
• Send notification for January 2025 Submitter Forum.