March 18, 2025, Submitter Forum[*]

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

AGENDA
• Components of April 1st Release • Implementation of v3.0.1 CDL • Data Format Enforcement • Claim Versioning Guidance • What to Expect – CDL Versions • Medicare Advantage • Claim Versioning Survey

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. 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.

CDL 3.0.1

4.   What plan name should be entered in TXME1029, the company name or member plan name?

The entry should be as particular as possible, and should be the member's plan name. For instance, if your organization was offering a couple of plans to a group, it might be employer PPO or employer HMO, therefore, however your organization's system identifies a particular plan—that will give us insight as to what is being covered for that member and allow us to work from that. For example, if it's an ACA plan, you may have the county name in there and it might be County Silver, County Gold. Those are the kinds of things we're looking for that will offer us clues as to the plan, but it wouldn't be the organization name because we know who's sending us the information. We're looking for the plan name/description that would give us hints about the coverage along with other things that would be helpful to us. It is a 150-character field which provides the space to enter in how your organization would name the plan/describe the plan.

Medicare Advantage

5.   Why isn't S2 one of the Medicare Advantage Options?

It was a mistake. It should have been included. Please see the corrected list of Member Insurance/Product Category Code values that are applicable for Medicare Advantage plans.

6. **Can you please clarify the value in TXME1008. The CDL says the same as Contract ID. Are you referring to column CDLME011 Plan Specific Contract Number?**

We wouldn't expect any commercial submitter to send anything other than null in that field. If you look in the TXME1008 row, column G of the CDL file, it indicates the scope of the field. Most of the TXME fields, which would be in the eligibility file, are Medicaid only fields. Therefore, these fields should be submitted as null for commercial plans.

<u>**Claim Versioning**</u>

7. **For the claim versioning "other" since we have not received a resolution for a hybrid scheme, this will cause our organization to miss the deadline dates. Is there any ETA on when TX-APCD will be reaching out to anyone that submitted an "other" response?**

For each payor code, we're going to have to set a claim versioning date. That is the date after which we are going to expect to receive data for that payor code, consistent with the versioning scheme that has been agreed upon. That date doesn't need to be April 1st. So, until we have an agreement on what the claim versioning scheme is for your payor code, just continue submitting what you currently submit. We will set up a virtual meeting to discuss, and set the claim versioning date, after that is the point when we would expect claims data that is consistent with the versioning scheme that was agreed upon for submitters who selected "other" in the Claim Versioning Survey.

8. **Did I understand correctly that all data would have to be resubmitted with the addition of claims versioning?**

No. For example, let's say you chose "other", and we don't have a conversation with you until the end of April. So, all submissions up until that point, and up until the date that we agree upon as your claim versioning date, will be whatever you have been submitting before, and you won't have to send corrections to that. What would be expected as far as claim versioning would be submissions made post the claim versioning date that we've agreed upon with you. This will be consistent with the claim versioning scheme that has been agreed upon by payor code.

9. **We are looking to update our response in the claim versioning survey that was submitted last week. Can I submit a new survey today?**

If you've already submitted your survey, and you've determined that maybe you didn't provide enough information, or you would like to update it, you are welcome to go ahead and resubmit a new survey.

When our operations team goes through the analysis of that, we'll account for the duplication and whatever the most current entry is, is what will be accepted as your final answer.

10. Please note that we will need to be able to utilize different versioning methods for pharmacy vs. medical submissions due to how those distinct processing systems function.

We have not thought about that, but it should work the same way if documented in the survey notes submitted. So, in that case, the response would be "other" to the survey and explained in the notes for each file and what the scheme is that would apply to that file. The point is to identify what to expect, but the survey didn't specifically account for versioning schemes being different across files.

<u>**File Submission**</u>

11. What is considered historical data? When a payor begins submitting production files, how much data will be expected to be submitted during the first production submission?

Under the regulations at 28 TAC §21.5405 (b)(2), required submitters must provide "historical data" from January 1, 2019, to the most recent reporting period. In other words, the historical datafile begins January 1, 2019 and ends at the first monthly data submission.

All files (historical and/or monthly) need be submitted in year-month segments and should not be bundled as one big data package. Only send the files as year-month submissions to the TX-APCD as we manage compliance against a data submission calendar based on year-month entries received. Please review the Data Submission Guide (DSG) and file naming conventions.

12. When can we start to submit the February 2025 file in Production?

The original plan was to have the February 2025 dataset submitted during the April 1st through April 7th submission window, which would be for CDL v3.0.1. Under the current circumstances, we have determined that whatever you can submit prior to March 31st will be scored against CDL v1.09. Any data files submitted after March 31st, will be scored against CDL v3.0.1. So, if your organization has the adjudicated claims data available for February 2025 right now, and you want to submit it right now, you can.

13. So, can we implement the rest of CDL 3.0.1 changes minus the claim versioning?

Yes. That's correct.

14. Can we still send test files for 3.0.1 testing post April?

Yes, you can send CDL v3.0.1 files to the test environment.

Miscellaneous

15. 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 the meeting notice for the subsequent submitter forum.

ACTION ITEMS
• Send notification for May 2025 Submitter Forum.