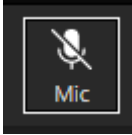# All-Payor Claims Database (APCD) of Texas
Submitter Feedback Forum

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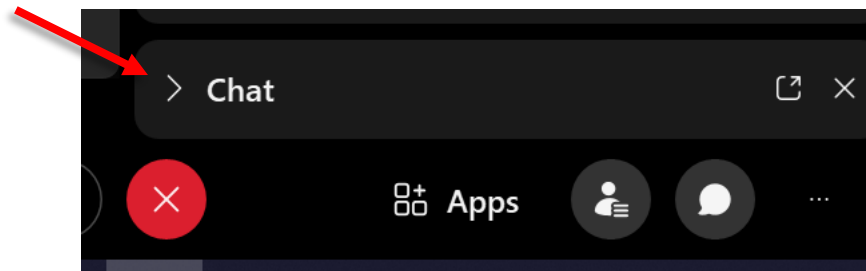# Welcome!

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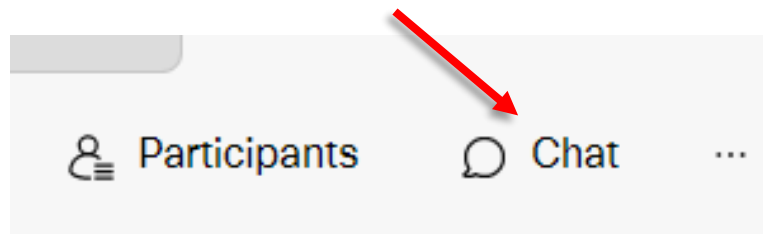
Webex & Chat

- **<u>Reminder:</u>** 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

- 2023 Submission Calendar
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2023 Submission Calendar

* First Go-Live, Thank You!

PHASE	NOTIFY DATE	RULE NOTICE (DAYS)	RULE EARLIEST START DATE	APCD PHASE START DATE
REGISTRATION	07/11/22	90	NA	10/10/22
TEST DATA SUBMISSIONS	07/11/22	90	10/01/22	10/10/22
MONTHLY DATA SUBMISSIONS	09/01/22	180	03/01/23	07/01/23[1]
HISTORICAL DATA SUBMISSIONS	12/01/22	120	01/01/23	08/01/23[2]

[1] Reference Section 1.6 Data Submission Schedules in the Data Submission Guide (DSG) and 28 TAC §21.5405. The first monthly submission data files will contain claims data adjudicated in **March 2023**. All monthly submissions are due by the 7th of the month.

[2] All historical files should be submitted no later than **December 31, 2023**, and to include claims data from **January 2019** through **February 2023**; or to the submitter's first monthly data submission to the TX-APCD. The expected first monthly data submission will be March 2023 data provided during the July 2023 monthly submission period. Each historical file submission should contain only a single year-month data period and can be submitted in any year-month order.
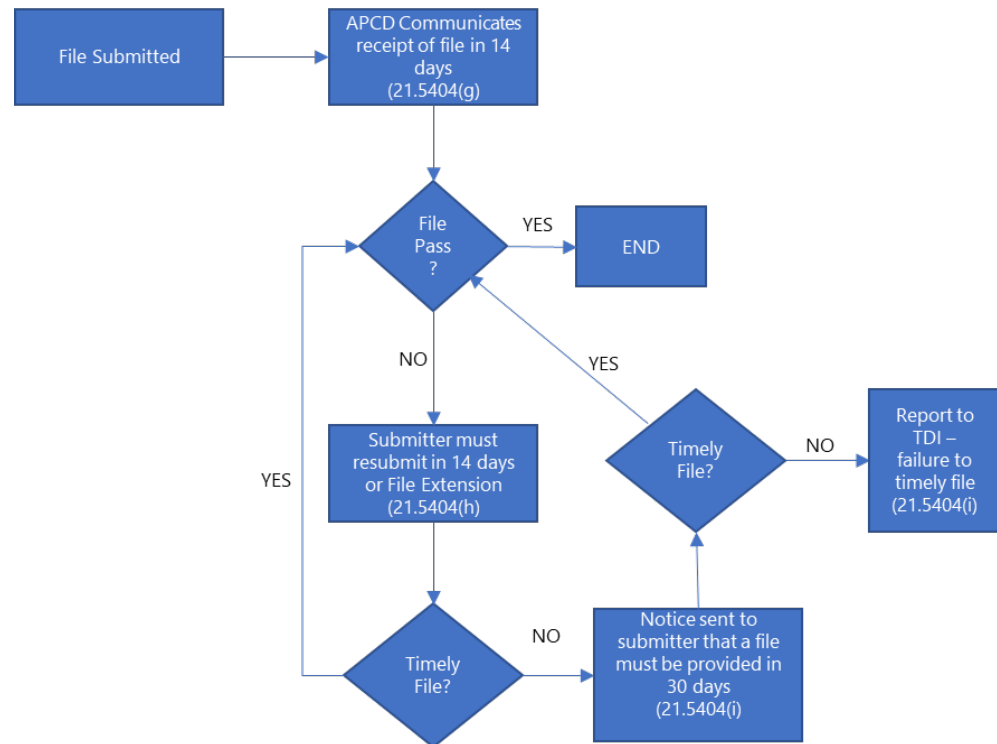
Adjudicated Claims

§21.5404 Data Submission Requirements.

(h) Payors must include data in medical, pharmacy, and dental claims data files for a given reporting period ***based on the date the claim is adjudicated, not the date of service associated with the claim***. For example, a service provided in March, but adjudicated in April, would be included in the April data report. Likewise, any claim adjustments must be included in the appropriate data file based on the date the adjustment was made and include a reference that links the original claim to all subsequent actions associated with that claim.

◆ Starting August 1st, you may submit monthly files "early" if the data contains only adjudicated data for the appropriate data-period and that data is not lost nor duplicated.

Submission Priority

Priority will be given to monthly files during the submission window at the start of every month. This means that historical files submitted during this timeframe may take longer to generate a validation report.

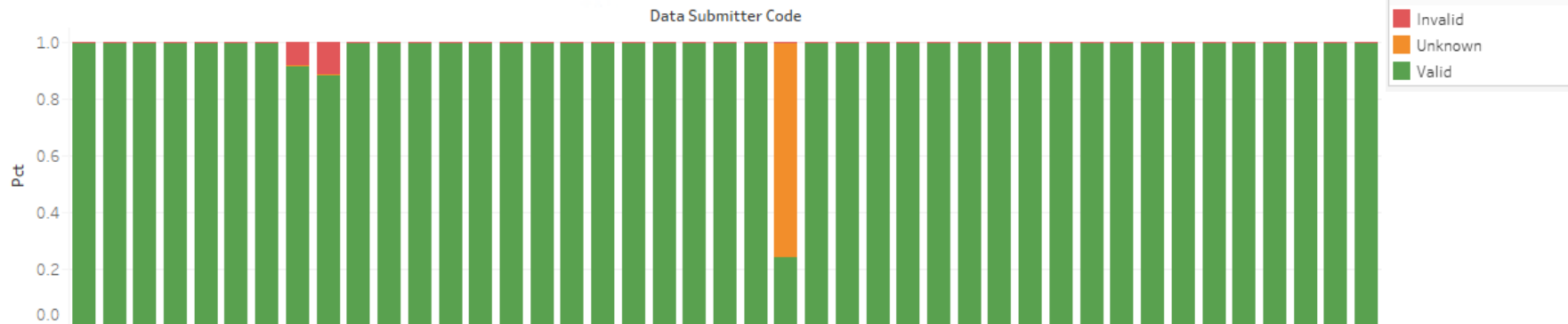**Data File Submission Process**

Stage 2 Data Quality Checks

- The submitted data is consistent with the CDL specifications, but there are quality issues that could compromise utility for research.

- This is not as clear-cut a process as Stage 1 and differs in some important ways:

  - It is a conversation between the APCD and the submitter (understanding the process that generated the data as opposed to "compliant" vs "non-compliant").

  - It takes a long-term view of improving data quality (addressing a few key items each time over a period).

- At this time, we have not published a listing of checks that will be conducted for various reasons, including that they may change over time.

- Our goal is to develop benchmarks that we can use to guide the process, always focusing on improving data quality.

- The focus will always be on issues that are high-impact in terms of utility for conducting research as opposed to a massive list of issues with perhaps dubious impact on utility for research.

Stage 2 Data Quality Checks – Examples

◆ Values are "unknown" for a large percentage of the dataset

  ◆ 80% of individual relationship codes = '21' (unknown)

Individual Relationship Codes

◆ A sizeable proportion of the dataset is made up of questionable values

  ◆ 2% of enrollees all share the same DOB = 1980-01-01

◆ Values that may not make sense in context

  ◆ Units out of range (patient is indicated to have had over 500,000 units of care for a surgical procedure)

Expected Data

- ◆ No original Medicare data is expected. The TX-APCD will receive this data from CMS.

- ◆ Medicare Advantage and Medicare supplement plans are considered commercial for the purposes of TX-APCD submissions and should be submitted.

- ◆ No Medicaid data is expected. The TX-APCD will receive this data from Texas HHSC (Health and Human Services Commission). This is especially relevant to the section of the ME file that extends the CDL to include additional fields relevant to Texas and are mostly Medicaid-related.

TACC Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)

- Prior to TACC account activation the user's email must be confirmed and the user must accept the AUP.

- Account name must be tied to an individual user (first and last name).

- Service Accounts (MFA Exception) must be owned by an individual user account.

- Account Inactivity – If a user account has been inactive for 120 calendar days, it will be automatically deactivated.

- TACC AUP can be found here:
  https://www.tacc.utexas.edu/use-tacc/user-policies/

Testing – Ongoing

- ◆ Please continue to test.

- ◆ You can test anytime using the T_ naming convention.

- ◆ You must have successful test submission prior to the start of production submission.

- ◆ Please submit an extension request if you are unable to meet deadlines.

Questions?

- Save the date for next Submitter Forum scheduled for August 18, 2023.
- 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.