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JANUARY 2025 APCD Data Release Notes

# Opening Statement

This release contains the following data:

* 2024 Q3 Commercial data
* 2024 Q3 MaineCare (Medicaid) data

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# Documentation Included with This Release

The documentation included in this release: (a description of each document is provided on page 4 of this document)

1. MHDO’s Release Notes (this document)
2. MHDO’s 2024 Q3 Quality Check Release Report
3. MHDO’s 2024 Q3 Payor Index
4. MHDO’s 2024 Q3 Validation Report
5. MHDO’s APCD FAQ
6. MHMC’s Methodology for Removing Duplicate Rx Claims
7. Business Rules and Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERDs)
8. MaineCare Member Cost Sharing Guidance

# Reminders

The MHDO APCD Business Rules and Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERDs) document is designed to assist the user with understanding the relationships between tables and the current methodology used to derive the value-added components of the MHDO APCD.

MHDO’s Data Dictionary is available here: [MHDO Data Dictionaries (maine.gov)](https://mhdo.maine.gov/mhdo-data-dictionary/search).

# Member Match to Eligibility

Overall, the match rate (which represents the percentage of claims that have a matching eligibility record for the member) is high for all claim types and payor categories. Information on these match rates can be found in MHDO’s 2024 Q3 Quality Check Release Report.

## Medical Claims File

The overall match rate for the medical claims file is 99.6%.

## Dental Claims File

The overall match rate for the dental claims file is 99%.

## Pharmacy Claims File

The overall match rate for the pharmacy claims file is 98.8%.

# Payor Specific Notes

**Express Scripts Administrators (T0292)**

Express Scripts Administrators (ESA-T0292) is the Third-Party Administrator responsible for submitting pharmacy claims and corresponding eligibility data for the Centene companies, which include American Progressive Life and Health Insurance Company of NY (C0053), WellCare of Maine, Inc (C0749), and WellCare Prescription Insurance, Inc (C0534).

When a third-party administrator, like ESA, submits data on behalf of a payor, it must include consistent member identifiers between the medical and the pharmacy claims files. ESA has not submitted consistent member identifiers between the medical claims and the pharmacy claims files. The 2024Q3 pharmacy claims data are not included in this release and MHDO is working with the payor to remediate this issue.

**Meritain Health (T0385)**

Approximately 45% of Meritain’s claims have the same number in all claim lines for the variable MC063 TPAY due to a mapping error. The data submitter is working to resolve this mapping error for future and past submissions. MHDO recommends that MC063 TPAY for this payor should be ignored until the mapping error is corrected.

**Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc (C0065)**

Anthem Health Plans of Maine, Inc. recently notified MHDO that there was a gap in reporting Medicare Advantage dental claims and dental eligibility beginning in January 2021. C0065 totally replaced dental files for the period from January 2021 through May 2024. MHDO performed a quality check on the resubmitted data and confirmed that the issue was resolved.

**Cigna/HealthSpring, Medicare Part D (C0025F)**

Payor C0025F experienced a drop in PC volume for 7/2024 from 30k records to fewer than 800 records. MHDO is working with the payor to remediate if needed.

**Care Improvement Plus South Central (C0725)**

Included in this release is the April 2024 medical and pharmacy eligibility data, which were missing from the 2024Q2 release.

**United Healthcare of Wisconsin, Inc (C0772)**

Included in this release is the April 2024 medical and pharmacy eligibility data, which were missing from the 2024Q2 release.

**MaineCare(G0001)**

After consulting with MaineCare, MHDO made the decision to remove all member liability values (copay, coinsurance and deductible) for medical, pharmacy and dental claims for the time CY 2017-CY 2024. If a data user is interested in understanding the member liability requirements for MaineCare members during this period, please refer to the documentation you can find [here](https://mhdo.maine.gov/claims.htm).

Beginning with Q1 2025 data submissions, the member liability values for MaineCare members will be populated accurately.

**Medicare (G0002)**

Q1 2024 data will be included in the April 2025 APCD release.

# Missing Data and Other Data Observations

Refer to the **MHDO Payor Index file** for more information about payor submitter deactivations and data end dates.

## Medical Claims File

**Care Improvement Plus South Central (C0725)**

September 2024 medical claims data is missing from this release. MHDO will include this data in a future release.

## Dental Claims File

None.

## Pharmacy Claims File

**Meritain Health (T0385)**

Meritain Health is now submitting pharmacy claims data to the MHDO APCD starting with 2024Q3 data.

# Description of Documentation Included in MHDO APCD Release to support the Data

1. Quality Check Release Report

This report provides a summary by payor and file type of all the data included in this release (Release Summary Pivot worksheet). It also contains worksheets by claim type (DC, PC, and MC) on the match rate to the eligibility file. This report is produced with each quarterly release.

1. Payor Index

This report provides the registration information for each payor by year. It includes both active and deactivated payors.

1. Validation Report

This report lists all validations that incoming data are checked against and indicates accuracy by payor (payor codes as defined in the APCD Payor table). This report is produced with each quarterly release.

1. MHMC’s methodology for removing duplicate Rx Claims

This document details one user’s methodology for removing duplicate pharmacy claims.

1. Frequently Asked Questions

This resource on the MHDO website is available to answer questions about the APCD: [https://mhdo.maine.gov/faqs\_data.html#apcd data](https://mhdo.maine.gov/faqs_data.html%23apcd%20data)

1. MHDO Data Dictionary

The MHDO Data Dictionary is an interactive tool to assist data users with understanding the content, format and structure of the MHDO All Payor Claims Database (APCD) data sets, and the MHDO Hospital Encounter Data. The MHDO Data Dictionary is available at <https://mhdo.maine.gov/mhdo-data-dictionary/>

1. Business Rules and Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERDs)

This documentation was developed in collaboration with our data users to support the MHDO’s metadata strategy. The Business Rules describe the current methodology used to derive the value-added components of the MHDO APCD. The entity relationship diagrams (ERDs) show the relationships between data tables.

1. MaineCare Member Cost Sharing Guidance

Summary information for MaineCare members regarding changes to MaineCare copayments in recent years. MaineCare turned off copays for certain services during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In May 2023 and in October 2024, certain copays were turned back on for some services. This document provides more details about which members have or do not have copays, what services have or do not have copays, and copay amounts and limits.