



2025 MCDB Data Submission Manual

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Background

- ❑ The Maryland Health Care Commission is required in regulation (COMAR 10.25.06.15) to make MCDB Data Submission Manual available to payors by November 21 of each year.
- ❑ Payors will use the Manual for the reporting periods in the subsequent year.
- ❑ Regulation also requires a timely posting of the Manual on the Commission website each year.



MCDB Overview

- ❑ Commercial Reporting Entities with at least 1,000 total insured lives:
 - ❑ Life and Health Insurance Carriers and HMOs
 - ❑ TPAs, PBMs, Behavioral Health Administrators (most do not submit claims from ERISA plans)
 - ❑ Qualified Health Plans and Qualified Dental Plans
 - ❑ Managed Behavioral Health
- ❑ Data reported:
 - ❑ Membership / Eligibility
 - ❑ Claims files: Professional, Institutional, Pharmacy and Dental
 - ❑ Provider Directory
- ❑ Medicaid MCO/FFS Data:
 - ❑ Provided by Medicaid via The Hilltop Institute
- ❑ Medicare FFS Data:
 - ❑ Acquired through State Agency DUA with CMS



New Updates in 2025 DSM

□ Added Infant Birth Weight

The HSCRC observed discrepancies in the calculated APR DRG codes for newborns in the MCDB compared to the APR DRG codes from the case-mix data. These discrepancies were due to missing birth weight data in the MCDB. Therefore, collecting this birth weight data will help resolve the issue.



Changes Made to the 2025 APM Data Collection Template

- ▶ Consolidated the Financial, Financial – Episodes, and Contract Information tabs into a single “Financial” tab
- ▶ Updated column headers to create consistency across tabs
- ▶ Removed unnecessary fields, updated fields for consistency, and added a few new fields
- ▶ Moved from the “HCP-LAN Payment Category” field to the Expanded Non-Claims Payment Framework fields: “Payment Category” and “Payment Subcategory”
 - ▶ Provides greater detail on the purpose of payment as well as the level of risk to the provider
- ▶ Add a “Primary Care” data collection tab



Next Steps

- ❑ Commission questions and vote on posting the submission manual to the Commission website
- ❑ Disseminate Manual and follow up with Payor training in January 2025
- ❑ Implement changes for submission starting in May 2025 for Q1 2025 Data Reports



Questions