Payment Arrangement Files (PAF) Workgroup Results

1. Survey results

Proposed layout (ranked 1-5)	Score* (lower=better)	Vote count: "1"	Vote count: "1" or "2"
Current	11	✔✔	✔✔✔✔
Wide - subset	13	✔	✔
Wide - single	22		
Wide - totals	19		
Simplified Current	10	✔✔	✔✔✔✔
File type	**Vote count (higher=better)**		
No preference	2		
Excel	2		
Flat file (current file type)	1		
Implementation year (if layout changes) (ranked 1-5)	**Score*** (lower=better)	**Vote count: "1"**	**Vote count: "1" or "2"**
2020 report 2019 payments	10	✔✔✔	✔✔✔
2021 report 2020 payments	10	✔	✔✔✔✔
2022 report 2021 payments	13		✔✔
2023 report 2022 payments	17	✔	✔

* Preference rankings were summed for final score

− Next steps
  − **Proposed layout**: votes were split between *Current* and *Simplified Current* layouts, OHA will explore having the *Simplified Current* file layout as an optional (not required) feature of collapsing certain rows, if applicable
  − **File type**: votes showed more preference for Excel but not a unanimous response; OHA will consider accepting both flat and Excel submissions
  − **Implementation yea**r: strong preference for earlier implementation rather than later; with program changes and need for testing in the next year, OHA is aiming for 2021 implementation of the optional (not required) feature of collapsing certain rows

2. 2020 work
  − **Simplified Current**: how to handle 1A payment row within a contract? Allow dummy NPI, treat 1A row as 'organization'
  − **Excel file structure**: early-2020 OHA staff to develop Excel auto-calculate/summary features and elicit feedback from TAG members;
    o Testing period with data submitters from APAC TAG and PAF Workgroup (est. 3/2020)
  − **Revisions**: APAC Appendices, FAQs document, data submission rules