



Texas Health Care Information Council

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THCIC Hospital Training

The next hospital training session is scheduled for December 10, 2002 in Austin. It will cover the submission, correction, and certification of data. Training will be from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Texas Department of Health Board Room (Moreton Bldg.) located at 1100 W 49th St in Room M739. Please contact Terry Salazar at 512-482-3322 for a reservation. The training is free!

4th Quarter 2001 PUDF

THCIC will release the statewide 4th quarter 2001 (4q01) Public Use Data File (PUDF) on December 2, 2002.

The 4th Quarter 2001 PUDF may be purchased by participating hospitals for \$500 (plus shipping) and \$1000 (plus shipping) for all other purchasers. Purchasers must submit an order form, a signed User's Agreement, and payment for the statewide PUDF.

THCIC also has the statewide 4q01 PUDF available by **regions** in order to make the cost more affordable to hospitals, businesses, and the individual consumer. To view the list of regions, go to <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/RegionalFiles.htm>. The cost for each 4q01 regional PUDF is \$200 for participating hospitals and \$400 for all other purchasers (plus shipping).

The PUDF order form is available at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/DataRequestForm.htm> or by calling Sandra Martin at 512-482-3312.

Order the 2002 PUDF at a Discount

THCIC will offer discounts for purchasers who wish to buy all four quarters of the 2002 PUDF data. Purchasers must complete the order form, a signed User's Agreement, and payment for the complete 2002 data by February 15, 2003. THCIC will then mail out each quarter of data to the purchaser as it becomes available. Discounts will not be offered after February 15th or for purchases of individual quarters. The PUDF discounted price for all four quarters of 2002 for participating hospitals is \$1600 (plus shipping) and for all other purchasers is \$3200 (plus shipping).

Helpful Numbers

Questions/Problems	Contact Person	Phone Number
Compliance Issues	Dee Shaw	(512) 482-3318

Council Media Plans	Priscilla Boston	(512) 482-3316
Data submission	Ann Shelton	(972) 766-6311
Data corrections/certification	Help Desk	(888) 308-4953
Hospitalization Reports	Sylvia Cook	(512) 482-3323
Statistical Methods	Zhongmin Li	(512) 482-3324
Policies/Rules	Bruce Burns	(512) 482-3320
Training/Changing Liaisons	Terry Salazar	(512) 482-3322

Reminders and Deadlines

The complete hospital discharge data schedule may be downloaded from
<http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/hospitals/schedule/schedule.htm>

- 12/1/02 – Last day to submit 3q02 claims
- 12/1/02 – Last day to submit the 1q02 certification letter/comments
- 12/1/02 – Hospital will receive/download the 2q02 certification file
- 12/6/02 – Council meeting in Austin
- 12/10/02 – Hospital Training in Austin
- 1/15/03 – Last day to submit corrections to 2q02 certification file
- 2/1/03 – Last day to submit 3q02 claims corrections (without a fee)