



# Texas Health Care Information Council

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## Reduced Pricing Offer on the THCIC PUDF

Effective 06/28/04, THCIC is offering a 40% discounted price of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 Public Use Data File (PUDF) through 08/06/04. (Note: This discount does not apply to purchases by quarterly data or regional data.) The cost to “Reporting Hospitals” for this limited time is \$1500 for each year of data; to “All Others” is \$3000.

Interested parties may download the PUDF Data User Agreement and Order Form at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/Publications.htm#PUDF>. The user agreement, order form, and full payment for the data **must be received by 08/06/04** for the discount to apply.

For more information, please contact Dee Shaw at (512) 458-7111 ext 3374 or [dee.shaw@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:dee.shaw@tdh.state.tx.us).

## THIN Now Accepting Test Submissions of THCIC 837

Effective immediately, THIN is accepting and reviewing 837 test submissions. Submitters should contact Sherri Kelly at [sherri\\_kelly@thinedi.com](mailto:sherri_kelly@thinedi.com) or (972) 766-8706 regarding questions on test submission requirements or for status on test submissions.

## Delay in Processing 2004 Claims Submissions

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter claims received after June 1, 2004 will be processed with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2004 claims and both quarters of claims will be returned to hospitals for correction and review following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2004 schedule.

## THCIC Regional Hospital Trainings

THCIC will be conducting regional trainings in the following cities on the Submission and Correction of hospital data in the THCIC 837 format:

**June 28, 2004 9:00 am**

Del Sol Medical Center  
10301 Gateway Blvd West (Classroom E)  
El Paso, TX 79925

**June 30, 2004 9:00 am**

Covenant Medical Center  
3615 19th St (Knipling Edu. & Conference Center)  
Lubbock, TX 79408

Please contact Terry Salazar at (512) 458-7111 x 2352 or [terry.salazar@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:terry.salazar@tdh.state.tx.us) to register for any of the trainings. Please provide her with the following information: THCIC ID number, hospital name and city, your name, title, phone number, and e-mail address. The training is free, but seating will be limited to the first 50 registrants.

## Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2002

The Texas Health Care Information Council will release to the public *Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2002* on Wednesday, June 30, 2004. The report again uses Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Inpatient Quality Indicator (IQI) methodology to provide a window into the quality of care provided in Texas hospitals. The report will be available on the THCIC website, not in printed form. THCIC, through the Texas Department of Health, will issue a press release on the availability of the report.

The report will appear on THCIC's website much the same as it did for THCIC's release of 1999-2001 data last year. The report will include data for 2002 in tables and bar charts for each of the 25 indicators. The searchable database will include data for 1999-2002 and will allow users to see each hospital's performance for the entire four-year period.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter PUDF Release

The Public Use Data File for second quarter 2003 will be released next week and will be sent to those users who have requested it. The file can be purchased for \$750 by participating hospitals and for \$1500 by all other users. The file includes records for over 696,000 inpatients discharged by over 440 hospitals during April, May, and June of 2003.

## Important Phone Numbers

### **Texas Health Information Network (THIN)**

THIN Helpline – 972-766-5480

Sherri Kelly – 972-766-8706

Ann Shelton – 972-766-6311

### **Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)**

THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or [THCICHelp@comclin.net](mailto:THCICHelp@comclin.net)

CCS web site – [www.comclin.net/diana](http://www.comclin.net/diana)

**TDH-Center for Health Statistics – 512-458-7261**

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## Reminders and Deadlines

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

- **9/1/04 – Cutoff for 1q04 and 2q04 initial submission**