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NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Possible Delay in Processing 2004 Claims Submissions

Acceptance and processing of 1st Quarter 2004 claims may be delayed. As of May 3rd, THIN had not completed their quality assurance of test submission as planned. THIN continues to work diligently to complete their efforts. However, in light that neither THCIC 837 nor UB92T claims can be accepted by THIN, THCIC will not issue any penalties if hospitals are unable to successfully submit 1st Quarter 2004 claims by June 1, 2004.

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

As soon as THIN completes quality assurance, they will begin reviewing 837 test submissions and processing UB92T claims. So, the opportunity exists that some hospitals will have their claims processed into the 1st Quarter 2004 cycle.

THCIC regrets this late change, but HIPAA has required flexibility on the part of all of us.

Regional Hospital Trainings

THCIC will be conducting regional trainings in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, and Austin on the Submission and Corrections of hospital data in the THCIC 837 format during the month of May and June. THCIC staff are looking for hospitals that are willing to provide a training room/facility for a day. If you have a facility where THCIC staff can conduct the training please respond to Terry Salazar at (512) 458-7111 ext 2352 or via e-mail at terry.salazar@tdh.state.tx.us not later than Thursday, May 6th. More information will follow once the meeting arrangements have been made.

New Release of Data Correction Software

A new version of the Data Corrections Software application (DCS v1.0.3) has been developed by Commonwealth, and is available on the THCIC Web site for downloading at http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/Reporting_Requirements.htm. The new version of the software is to be used starting with 1Q04 data corrections. Please contact the Commonwealth helpdesk at (888) 308-4953 if you have difficulty downloading the software.

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
CCS web site – www.comclin.net/diana

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

THCIC Staff – 512-458-7111

Bruce Burns	extension 6431
Sylvia Cook	extension 6438
Dee Shaw	extension 3374
Ron Weiss	extension 6453
Terry Salazar	extension 2352

THCIC fax – 512-458-7740

Reminders and Deadlines

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

- 5/1/04 – Final encounters available to hospitals for 3q03 certification
- 5/1/04 – 4q03 Certification file available for download by hospitals
- 6/1/04 – 3q03 certification letters/comments due
- **9/1/04 – Cutoff for 1q04 and 2q04 initial submission**