



# Texas Health Care Information Council

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## **NEW IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Possible Delay in Processing 2004 Claims Submissions**

Acceptance and processing of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004 claims may be delayed. As of May 13<sup>th</sup>, THIN had not completed their quality assurance of test submission as planned. THIN continues to work diligently to complete their efforts. However, because neither THCIC 837 nor UB92T claims can be accepted by THIN, THCIC will not issue any penalties if hospitals are unable to successfully submit 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004 claims by June 1, 2004.

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 quarter of claims will be returned to hospitals for correction and review following the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2004 cycle.

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

### **Hospital Trainings**

#### **Needed: Conference rooms**

THCIC is targeting regional trainings in Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, Lubbock, El Paso, and Austin on the Submission and Correction of hospital data in the THCIC 837 format during the month of June. There is no charge for the training! We are looking for hospitals willing to provide a conference/meeting room for a day. The meeting room should be able to accommodate 50 or more people. 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](mailto:terry.salazar@tdh.state.tx.us) no later than Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, if we do not have any volunteers, we will not be able to train in that city and individuals will need to attend training in Austin. We want to thank those of you that have already offered to host training in your facility. To date the following have offered facilities: Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital (Nacogdoches), Clear Lake Regional Medical Center (Webster), Houston Community Hospital (Houston), Baylor Medical Center (Dallas), and the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council (Irving). Stay tuned, as more information regarding dates and times will follow once we have determined locations. Again, thank you hospitals that have volunteered facilities.

### **Important Phone Numbers**

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

THIN Helpline – 972-766-5480

Sherri Kelly – 972-766-8706

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#### **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)

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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>.

- 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**