



Review of 2003 IQI Report Resumes

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) released updated files for the Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs) Version 2.1 on Thursday, May 19. The update was necessary to correct the calculation of the IQI expected and risk-adjusted rates. The indicators released to hospitals on April 1 overestimated the expected rate for individual hospitals based on the 2002 reference population (that is, overestimated the case-mix severity) and consequently underestimated the risk-adjusted rate. The revision corrects this problem.

The volume indicators are unchanged. The 23 mortality and utilization indicators have been revised and will be available for hospital review **beginning Wednesday, May 25**. The 60-day review period will **end on July 23**. Any comments submitted earlier must be re-submitted. The hospital identifier and password sent to all hospital primary contacts on March 25 are needed to access the IQI report. For help accessing the report contact Dee Shaw, 512-458-7111 x 3374. The report is scheduled for public release in August.

Important Phone Numbers

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THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or THCICHelp@comclin.net

CCS web site – www.thcichelp.com (Please note that this is a new Web site for the THCIC help desk.)

HyperTerminal Phone Number – (434) 297-0367 (For Data Submission, Corrections and Uploading Certification Comments)

FTP address – [ftp.comclin.com](ftp://comclin.com)

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Production Schedule

The hospital discharge data schedule may be downloaded from
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/hospitals/schedule.shtm>.

- 06/01/05 – Certification letters and comments due for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters 2004.
- 06/01/05 - Submission of 1st quarter 2005.
- 06/01/05 – Hospitals to receive/retrieve 4th quarter 2004 certification file.