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Inpatient and Outpatient Public Use Data File (PUDF) Release – 2nd and 3rd Quarter 2010

On July 14th THCIC released the **2nd Quarter 2010** Public Use Data File (PUDF) on Outpatient surgical and radiological procedures and Inpatient discharges occurring in April, May, and June 2010. Those that have already “pre-purchased” the 2010 Inpatient and/or Outpatient PUDF should receive their CD the week of July 18th.

The **3rd Quarter 2010** PUDF for Outpatient and Inpatient was released the week of August 8, 2011.

2009 IQI and PDI Quality Report Release

THCIC will release *Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2009 (IQI) and Quality of Children’s Care in Texas Hospitals, 2009 (PDI)* in August 2011.

The 2009 IQI and PDI reports that will be released will include mean charges for each indicator, by hospital. Two additional reports on composites of the mortality indicators for selected procedures and the mortality indicators for selected conditions for each hospital will be included in the IQI report.

5010 File Format Update

- In the April 2011 numbered letter THCIC announced they would begin receiving the 5010 HIPAA transaction format beginning on June 1, 2011. There has been a delay in the acceptance of file submissions in the 5010 data format due to a delay in pilot testing.
- System13 welcomes more pilot participants. If you are interested please contact Tom Phelps at 434-977-0000 ext 210.
- New with 5010 - All discharges with 2012 statement through dates will require POA values on E-codes for those hospitals required to report POA indicators.
- Facilities have the opportunity to submit 4Q2011 data in the 4010 format through the scheduled correction period (5-1-12). 1Q2012 data will be required in the 5010 format.

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Reporting Outpatient Procedures

Data on outpatient surgical and radiological procedures are required to be reported to THCIC by hospitals and ASCs. Data submission requirements are based on revenue codes for these procedures and, with the amendments to the outpatient data collection rules to be published on August 19, data submission requirements will alternatively be based on specific procedure codes. Analysis of the data shows that approximately 14-15% of the outpatient data submitted does not include any procedure codes, although they do include a required revenue code. Since data on surgical and radiological procedures are required to be reported, an audit will be added to require that at least one procedure code be submitted for each claim. The audit date has not yet been determined; however, THCIC will announce this date in a future “numbered letter”.

Outpatient Rule Amendments

Publication of the preamble for the Adopted Amendments to §§421.61, 421.62, and 421.66 - 421.68 will be published in the *Texas Register* on August 19, 2011. There were no changes from the proposed text, which may be viewed on pages 2592 – 2603 of the April 22, 2011 version of the Texas Register (36 *TexReg* 2592 April 22, 2011 *Texas Register*) <http://texinfo.library.unt.edu/texasregister/pdf/2011/0422is.pdf> or <http://texinfo.library.unt.edu/texasregister/html/2011/apr-22/PROPOSED/25.HEALTH%20SERVICES.html#44>.

Upcoming Due Date

September 1, 2011

2q2011 data submission

4q2010 data certification

Keeping You Informed - Email Confirmations for Electronic Data Submission

THCIC and System13 have several “check and balance” notifications that are sent by email when data are submitted. If a Submitter and/or Provider Primary Contact do not receive any of the following email notifications, this should be an indicator that something may be wrong with your data submission and you should contact System13 at 888-308-4953 to inquire about the data file

upload. Other reasons a Submitter or Provider Primary Contact are not receiving the automated email notification:

- a) Email address is no longer correct
- b) Primary contact Email and other information have not been updated with THCIC or System13
- c) Primary contact Email system distributes emails from System13 into “JUNK/SPAM” mailbox.

SUBMITTER Contact Notifications

- 1) When the Submitter Contact uploads data file to System13:
 - a) Within 30 minutes of the data file upload the Submitter Primary Contact will receive an email “receipt” notice indicating that the data file was “accepted or rejected”. If “accepted”, the data file will be processed overnight to “verify 837 billing format”. If

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“rejected” the data file was not in the correct format and it will need to be fixed and uploaded again until an “accepted” email is received.

- b) Audits will be applied to the data file accepted for processing. The following business day after receiving an “accepted” receipt notice by email the Submitter Primary Contact will receive a second email indicating if the data file “passed or failed”. If the email indicates “failed”, the data file will need to be fixed and uploaded again until a “pass” email is received.
- c) Submitter should notify the **Provider** Primary Contact each time a submitted data file receives a “pass”.

PROVIDER Contact Notifications

- 2) On the same day the “Submitter Contact” receives a “pass” email (usually within 1 business day of the file upload) the **Provider Primary Contact** will receive an email notice containing the Frequency of Error Report (FER) on the data file that was uploaded 24 hours earlier by the submitter.

How will the Provider Primary Contact know if the uploaded data file received a “pass” confirmation? The Provider Contact should request the Submitter Contact to provide this information after each data submission.

If the FER is not received within 24 hours of the data file “pass” confirmation, this is an indication that something may be wrong with your data submission and you should contact System13 at 888-308-4953 to inquire about the upload from the previous day.

- a) If you do get an email notice containing the FER, you should check it to ensure that the **correct quarterly data was uploaded**. When reading the FER, please refer to the “Claims by Month” box. For example, if the uploaded data file is believed to contain 2q2011 claims, the 2q2011 total claims received would be shown in the “2011” column in the rows for “Apr, May, and June”.
- b) If the intent was to upload 2q11 data and the FER indicates “0” for Apr, May, and/or June, this indicates no 2q11 claims for those months were contained in the data file uploaded the previous day.
- c) It is equally important to review the “Claims by Bill Type” box in the FER. The submission of some claim frequency (bill) types requires the submission of additional claims with different claim frequency type codes. Failure to submit the additional claims may cause a claim to be rejected during the “certification process” of the quarterly data. For example, a Bill Type of xx8 (Void/cancel of prior claim) may require the submission of a Bill Type of xx7 (Replacement of prior claim).

CRITICAL: Read each and every FER to know what was received by System13

Training (Hospitals, ASCs and Submitters)

THCIC provides Webinar trainings, at no cost, on the data reporting processes required of all Texas hospital and ambulatory surgery centers.

Webinar dates are posted at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/Training.shtm>. There is no limit on how many times you can sign up for the training and refresher training is encouraged.

If you would like to attend a Webinar training or have questions, please e-mail Tiffany Overton at thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us and:

Provide your preferred training Date and Time in the “Subject” line; and the following in the message area:

- THCIC ID Number
- Facility Name
- Participant(s) Name and Title
- E-mail Address
- Phone Number

THCIC Webinar training is provided on the 1) Submission (electronic and manual entry), 2) Correction, and 3) Certification methods.

THCIC Retirement

THCIC Team Lead/Research Specialist Sylvia Cook will be retiring on August 31, 2011. Ms. Cook has been a member of the THCIC Program since 1999. Congratulations and Best Wishes Sylvia!

Important Phone Numbers

Virginia:

System13 web site – <https://thcic.system13.com>

Helpdesk – 888-308-4953

Austin:

THCIC web site – www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic

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NOTE: New phone and fax numbers at THCIC effective June 20, 2011.

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