
Texas Health Care Information Collection - THCIC
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Review of the 2012 Hospital Quality Report (Hospital)

Annually, THCIC releases a quality report on Texas hospitals. By statute, THCIC is required to provide a review and comment period for hospitals covered in the report prior to making it available to the public.

The hospital review and comment period began on April 8, 2014 for the 2012 Quality Report.

On April 2, 2014 THCIC emailed the assigned Provider Primary Contact of each hospital the information on accessing a secured site for reviewing the Quality Report.

THCIC staff produced the quality indicator reports using the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's (AHRQ) software and methodology for the following modules:

- *Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2012 (IQI)*
- *Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2012 (PDI)*
- *Indicators of Patient Safety in Texas Hospitals, 2012 (PSI)*

Only hospitals that reported 2012 Inpatient data will receive notification and information on accessing and reviewing the report prior to its release to the public. If your hospital did not receive access information regarding the Quality Report, and wishes to review and comment, please contact Dee Roes by email at dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us

The review and comment period ends on June 6, 2014.

THCIC staff is reworking the 2012 IQI and 2012 PSI reports using the **diagnosis present on admission (POA)** indicators and removing those exempted facilities that are not required to submit POA. Staff will evaluate the reports and determine whether the reports provide additional information for the consumers. If staff determines the reports are useful and beneficial, the reports will be sent out for review and comment to the affected facilities and eventually published. The reports using the POA are theoretically more representative of the quality of care and more applicable to the PSI report.

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Change of Passwords

System13 puts a top priority on protecting private information.

With news breaking on Monday, April 7th that the Heartbleed bug causes a vulnerability in the OpenSSL cryptographic library, which is used by roughly two-thirds of all websites on the internet, System13 wants to issue and update on how this bug may have impacted our services and clarify the actions we are taking to protect our customers data.

We have no reason to believe any accounts were compromised or any personal information accessed by unauthorized personnel. While the website was using a vulnerable version of this software, our servers were immediately patched with the most recent releases from RedHat Enterprise Linux. Additionally, key infrastructure elements such as firewalls obtained the most recent updates to address this issue.

As a final step in the process of guaranteeing our client's data security, System13 is forcing a password change for all provider and submitter logins beginning Monday, April 28, 2014, if the password had not already been changed since April 10, 2014.

If assistance is needed for resetting your password, please contact the System13 helpdesk at 888-308-4953.

Implementation for ICD-10 Delayed (Hospital)

The October 1, 2014, implementation of International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision (ICD-10) has been delayed with the signing of H.R. 4302 into law.

THCIC will delay the ICD-10 implementation at this time until further notice.

Emergency Department Data Collection (Hospital)

- **Update:** The Emergency Department data collection rules were approved by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on April 14th and are anticipated to be posted in the *Texas Register* on May 2nd for public comment.

During the 83rd Regular Legislative session (2013), Senate Bill 1 Article II, Department of State Health Services Rider 93, provided funding and instructions for the THCIC program to collect and report on all Emergency Department events from **Texas hospitals**. Prior to the collection of Emergency Department events, THCIC must first draft and implement the rules and guidelines. THCIC will keep Texas hospitals updated on this collection effort as more information becomes available.

The current proposed draft of the rules will require all Texas hospitals (federal hospitals may voluntarily report) to report Emergency Department data which we anticipate beginning with January 1, 2015 services.

Rural Provider Exemption (Hospital/ASC)

- **Update:** Amendments to data collection rules regarding rural providers were approved by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on April 14th and are anticipated to be posted in the *Texas Register* on May 2nd for public comment.

During the 2011 82nd First Called Legislative session, Senate Bill 7 repealed Sections 108.002(18), Section 108.0025, and Section 108.009(c), Texas Health and Safety Code, which made provisions for rural providers meeting specific criteria to be exempt from state reporting of Inpatient and Outpatient data collected by the THCIC program. The repeal of these sections becomes effective September 1, 2014.

Rule amendments will be proposed this spring. THCIC anticipates these rules to be adopted this summer. If there are no changes to the proposed amendments or new hospital emergency department rules, rural providers (hospitals and ASCs) that have been approved for exemption from reporting for calendar year 2014 will be required to begin reporting with January 1, 2015 inpatient discharges and/or outpatient (surgical and/or radiological) events. Rural hospitals will also be required to begin reporting all Emergency Department data events occurring on and after January 1, 2015 (see article above on Emergency Department data).

CHS to Post MONAHRQ on Website

The Center for Health Statistics (CHS) is in the process of finalizing a web-based query tool that was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality <http://monahrq.ahrq.gov/>. This web-based data tool is used by other states for public access: Arizona, Arkansas, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Washington (links to those sites can be seen from http://monahrq.ahrq.gov/monahrq_websites.shtml).

The MONAHRQ[®] tool analyzes, summarizes, and presents information in a format ready for use by consumers and other decision makers on: Quality of care (at the hospital level), Health care utilization (at the hospital level), Preventable hospitalizations (at the area level), and Rates of conditions and procedures (at the area level) and Estimated costs and cost-savings related to the quality of care.

CHS anticipates the availability of the MONAHRQ[®] query tool on the CHS website in June 2014.

Upcoming Due Dates (Hospital/ASC)

May 1, 2014

4q2013 data correction period ends

August 1, 2014

1q2014 data correction period ends

June 2, 2014

3q2013 data certification due

4q2013 begin certification data review

1q2014 reporting of data due

A schedule of ALL due dates may be found at

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>.

Training Webinars (Hospital/ASC)

THCIC provides Webinar trainings, at no cost, on the data reporting processes required of all Texas hospital and ambulatory surgery centers. Postings for Webinar dates may be viewed at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/Training.shtm>

Signing up for training is limitless and refresher training is encouraged.

To attend Webinar training(s) or if you have questions, please e-mail Tiffany Overton at thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us.

For help or general questions on Submission, Correction, and Certification please contact: Tiffany Overton: (512) 776-2352 or thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us

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Past Newsletters

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Numbered-Letters/>

Links to Frequently Used Documents

Provider Contact Update Form -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilityInformationRequest.pdf>

No Quarterly Data to Report Form -

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport\(2\).pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport(2).pdf)

Current Provider Contact List –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilitiesList.xls>

Appendices Document –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/5010-Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Appendices.pdf>

Contains:

- Country Codes
- Default Values
- Race and Ethnicity documents
- Revenue Code Groupings used for Encounter File and PUDF
- Audit IDs and Audit Messages
- Payer Source Coding Guide
- Key Data Elements for matching INPATIENT claims
- Key Data Elements for matching OUTPATIENT claims

Data Reporting Schedule –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>

Inpatient Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>

Includes:

- WebClaim, WebCorrect, and WebCert Presentations
- Inpatient Technical Specifications Manual for Electronic Data Reporting

Outpatient Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/OutpatientReportingRequirements.shtm>

Includes:

- WebClaim, WebCorrect, and WebCert Presentations
- Outpatient Technical Specifications Manual for Electronic Data Reporting

About the Texas Health Care Information Collection Program

On September 1, 2003 the legacy state agencies; Texas Health Care Information Council (THCIC), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA), and the Mental Health branch of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation were merged to form the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in response to the passage of HB 2292 (78th Texas Legislature). All functions of THCIC continue in the Center for Health Statistics within DSHS.

THCIC was created by **Chapter 108** of the Health and Safety Code by the 74th Texas Legislature in 1995.

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.108.htm>

Rules

Rules that apply to the Texas Health Care Information Collection are found in Chapter 421 of Title 25, Part 1 of the Texas Administrative Code.

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421)

Applied Research

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/GeneralInfo/AppliedResearch.shtm>

Quality of Care Reports

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2011

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/IQIRReport/Indicators-of-Inpatient-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2011.shtm>

Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2011

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/PDIRReport/Quality-of-Children-s-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2011.shtm>

Statistical Reports

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/Statisticalreports.shtm>

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