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Correction

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THCIC's next Board meeting will be held on Friday, September 22, 2000 at 10:00 a.m., not Saturday September 23 as published in the preceding Hospital

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1. Recommended Changes to the PUDF

Over the last few weeks, the Council has received recommendations from the Health Information System and the Quality Methods Technical Advisory Committees relating to data fields in the Public Use Data File (PUDF). The Hospital Discharge Data Committee and the Council (the Board) will make a final determination regarding the contents of the PUDF at their meeting(s) later this week. The complete list will be posted on the Council's web site after the September 22, 2000 Board meeting. The associated proposed amendments to the hospital discharge data rules will also be posted on the Council's web site when published in the *Texas Register*.

2. Data Submission Alert

The Council calls your attention to two issues regarding data submission:

- 1) The THIN edits do not validate sequence numbers in the 22 records. Thus, this problem is not recognized until Commonwealth processes your data. If you have more than one 22 record for a claim, please remember to enter sequential sequence numbers.
- 2) The TX-ACE software does not work well when claims from multiple provider numbers are entered interspersed. To submit claims for more than one provider number, enter and submit all claims for one provider number at a time.

3. What is the THCIC Facility Identifier Code and How is It Used?

The THCIC Facility Identifier Code is a 3 character, alpha-numeric code used to identify data by facility and is unique to each hospital. It was created in 1999. This code should be placed in the Electronic UB-92, Record 10, Field 20, position 190-192. This is the primary source THCIC uses to identify each hospital's data.

Creation of this additional hospital identifier was necessary to ensure that data are identified correctly where there is inconsistent formatting of hospital names and addresses (for example, "St.," "Saint" or "Ave." "Ave" "Avenue"), and when hospitals share addresses, employer identification numbers, and other common identifiers. Please help us get around these inconsistencies by using your THCIC-assigned unique identifying code.

If you do not know your THCIC code, please contact Terry Salazar or Dee Shaw at 512-482-3312.

4. CCS Programming Charges Increased for Hospitals

Beginning September 1st Commonwealth (CCS) charges for correcting and recreating encounters and certification data files are as follows:

Recreating encounters and certification data files, a flat charge of \$200.

Replacement of certification data on CD, a charge of \$67 (including shipping costs).

Requests for CCS to assist with making changes to your data, the charge is based on an hourly rate of \$71.

When you contact CCS about correcting and recreating certification data, please indicate if you want your data on CD or in your mailbox (no delivery charge on the latter). If you request CCS's assistance with changing your data, be sure that you know the charge and give approval for the work to be done.

5. Certification Progress

As you are aware, the deadline for certifying 1st and 2nd quarter 1999 discharge data is October 2, 2000. As of 9/6/00, hospitals' progress toward meeting this goal stood as follows:

Status as of September 6, 2000

	1 st Quarter 1999 392 expected to submit certification letters	2 nd Quarter 1999 386 expected to submit certification letters
	Count Percentage	Count Percentage
Certified	254 65%	18 5%
Elected Not to Certify	7 2%	0
Cert. Letters Outstanding	131 33%	368 95%

6. Dr. Foxhall named Chair of THCIC

THCIC announces the appointment of Lewis Emory Foxhall, MD as Chair of the Texas Health Care Information Council. Appointed by Gov. Bush, Dr. Foxhall works for M.D. Anderson Cancer Center as Associate Vice President for Health Policy. With a specialty in Family Practice, Dr. Foxhall has served in a variety of leadership positions in medical societies, public health, and academia during his career. He has practiced in the public and private sector, and is currently on staff at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. Please join staff in congratulating Dr. Foxhall on his appointment.

Upcoming Meetings or Training

Hospital Discharge Data Committee: September 21, 2000 at 4 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, Travis I Room, 111 E. First in Austin, and again at 8:30 a.m. on September 22, 2000 in the TDH Board Room (Room M736) at 1100 West 49th St. (TDH Moreton Bldg) in Austin.

Health Plan Data Committee: September 22, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. in Rm. M653 at 1100 W 49th Street (TDH Moreton Bldg) in Austin.

THCIC Board: September 22, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at 1100 W 49th Street (TDH Board Room) in Austin.

Agendas for all Technical Advisory Committee, Committee, and Council meetings are posted on the THCIC web site and the Texas Register seven days prior to the meeting date.

Upcoming Deadlines

4th quarter 1999 corrections cut-off - October 2, 2000

1st quarter 1999 certification due – October 2, 2000

2nd quarter 1999 certification due– October 2, 2000

2nd quarter 2000 initial submission – October 2, 2000 (extended from September 1, 2000)

3rd quarter 1999 certification files distributed to hospitals -- October 2, 2000

Questions?

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