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1. **New Audits to be turned on for 3Q2000 data (Correction to Numbered Letter Vol 3 Num 8)**
2. **THCIC staff change E-mail addresses**
3. **Upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting and proposed HDD Committee meeting**

1. CORRECTION

New Audits to be turned on for  data

Operational (Requires Programming Changes)

Audit logic is posted on the Council web site at www.thcic.state.tx.us/Hospitals/accptsop.htm.

As you may recall, one of the more significant findings of the pilot project conducted last spring had to do with discrepancies in the payor source data. Because of this problem, the Council decided to SUPPRESS payor source data from the hospital discharge data released by the Council until edits are in place to correct the problem, AND to educate the hospitals on the importance of having the same number of "22 records" as "30 records" (See Hospital Numbered Letter, Volume 3 Number 2).

Volume 3 Number 8 of the numbered letter series provides detailed information on the specific edits put in place to deal with this problem. These edits will be activated beginning with 3Q2000 data, and **it is strongly recommended that hospitals begin working to effect operational changes that prevent further errors in their payor data.**

2. THCIC staff change E-mail addresses

Operational

THCIC staff has a new format for E-mail. Staff addresses are:

Firstname.Lastname@thcic.state.tx.us

Key contacts for hospitals at THCIC are:

Bruce.Burns@thcic.state.tx.us

Dee.Shaw@thcic.state.tx.us

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3. Upcoming Technical Advisory Committee meeting and proposed HDD Committee meeting

Policy/Operational/Technical

The Health Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on August 15, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., room 19.126 at 206 East 9th Street in Austin.

The Hospital Discharge Data Committee will hold a meeting around the end of August. Watch for this posting of the open meeting in the Texas Register at www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/, click on "Open Meetings". Also check the THCIC web site calendar at www.thcic.state.tx.us.

Questions?

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