



# Texas Health Care Information Council

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2001 Certification File

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001 certification file was released to hospitals on October 15, 2001. If you did not receive your file, contact the HelpDesk at 888-308-4953. Certification letters are due to THCIC by January 4, 2002.

## Hospital Liaison Information

THCIC is requesting that hospitals verify their primary contact. A list of contacts is posted on the THCIC web at [http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/hospitals/Hospital Liaison.PDF](http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/hospitals/HospitalLiaison.PDF). It is current as of October 15, 2001. If your hospital needs to update contact information, please use the form located at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/hospitals/liaison.pdf>.

## 2000 PUDF Release

The 2000 Public Use Data File (PUDF) is scheduled for release in November 2001. For hospitals that provided data during a given quarter, the cost of the statewide PUDF will be \$500 per quarter (that is, \$2000 for a full calendar year). All other purchasers will be charged \$1000 per quarter (\$4000 per full calendar year) for the statewide file. [See "PUDF by Region" below.]

Prior to receiving any data, all purchasers must sign a Data User Agreement that stipulates, among other things, that the purchaser: (1) will make sure that all users

of the data review the *User Manual* prior to accessing the data; (2) will not duplicate the data for transfer to outside parties; and, (3) understands that use of the data in any way that leads to the identification of a patient or physician can lead to both civil and criminal penalties.

Payment by check must be received before any data can be delivered. A signed Data User Agreement and completed shipping instructions **MUST** be included at the time of payment. The agreement and shipping instructions can be downloaded from the THCIC Web site ([www.thcic.state.tx.us](http://www.thcic.state.tx.us)) or by calling Sandra Martin at 512/482-3312 and asking her to fax a copy of the same.

### Save Now

In order to provide for more efficient distribution of copies of the PUDF, THCIC is offering a discount for purchasers who send their order form, a signed User's Agreement, and payment by Thursday, **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. All three items must be received by the close of business on **November 15<sup>th</sup>** to take advantage of the discounted charge. [See "Price Chart for PUDF" below.]

## PUDF By Region Now Available

In order to make the 2000 PUDF available to a wider range of the public, THCIC has segmented the quarterly PUDF by geographic regions for purchase at a price less than the statewide PUDF. THCIC has

divided the PUDF into 5 regions by county boundaries. The regions are priced at \$200 per region per quarter for hospitals that provided data during the corresponding quarter and \$400 per region per quarter for all other purchasers. Expedited shipping costs are payable separately.

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### THCIC Technical Advisory Committees

Attached at the end of this newsletter is an announcement seeking Technical Advisory Committee members. Please post this announcement for viewing to all hospital staff and the public.

### Upcoming Meetings or Training

- Consumer Education TAC meeting – 11/13/01
- HDD Committee meeting – 11/16/01
- Quality Methods TAC and Consumer Education TAC (joint) meeting – 11/27/01
- THCIC Committee Board meetings – 12/07/01

*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.*

### Reminders and Deadlines

- 11/13/01 – Last day to submit changes to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001 certification file
- 11/26/01 – Last day to submit corrections to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2001 submissions
- 12/1/01 – Last day to submit 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2001 data
- 1/4/02 – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001 certification letters due to THCIC

**Questions?**

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PUDF Price Chart

Data File	Participating Hospitals	All Others
2000 PUDF Statewide Data	\$2000/yr \$500/qtr  Pay before November 15, 2001 for 20% discount (\$400/qtr) (\$1600/yr)	\$4000/yr \$1000/qtr  Pay before November 15, 2001 for 20% discount (\$800/qtr) (\$3200/yr)
2000 PUDF Regional Data	\$200/qtr/region \$800/yr/region	\$400/qtr/region \$1600/yr/region
Overnight Shipping	\$15 per shipment	\$15 per shipment
Certified Mail	No charge	No charge

**Region 1**

Andrews  
Armstrong  
Bailey  
Borden  
Brewster  
Briscoe  
Brown  
Callahan  
Carson  
Castro  
Childress  
Cochran  
Coke  
Coleman  
Collingsworth  
Comanche  
Concho  
Cottle  
Crane  
Crockett  
Crosby  
Culberson  
Dallam  
Dawson

Deaf Smith  
Dickens  
Donley  
Eastland  
Ector  
El Paso  
Fisher  
Floyd  
Gaines  
Garza  
Glasscock  
Gray  
Hale  
Hall  
Hansford  
Hartley  
Haskell  
Hemphill  
Hockley  
Howard  
Hudspeth  
Hutchinson  
Irion  
Jeff Davis  
Jones

Kent  
Kimble  
King  
Knox  
Lamb  
Lipscomb  
Loving  
Lubbock  
Lynn  
Martin  
Mason  
McCulloch  
Menard  
Midland  
Mitchell  
Moore  
Motley  
Nolan  
Ochiltree  
Oldham  
Parmer  
Pecos  
Potter  
Presidio  
Randall

Reagan  
Reeves  
Roberts  
Runnels  
Schleicher  
Scurry  
Shackelford  
Sherman  
Stephens  
Sterling  
Stonewall  
Sutton  
Swisher  
Taylor  
Terrell  
Terry  
Throckmorton  
Tom Green  
Upton  
Ward  
Wheeler  
Winkler  
Yoakum

**Region 2**

Anderson  
Archer  
Baylor  
Bowie  
Camp  
Cass  
Cherokee  
Clay  
Collin  
Cooke  
Dallas  
Delta  
Denton

Ellis  
Erath  
Fannin  
Foard  
Franklin  
Grayson  
Gregg  
Hardeman  
Harrison  
Henderson  
Hood  
Hopkins  
Hunt  
Jack

Johnson  
Kaufman  
Lamar  
Marion  
Montague  
Morris  
Navarro  
Palo Pinto  
Panola  
Parker  
Rains  
Red River  
Rockwall  
Rusk

Smith  
Somervell  
Tarrant  
Titus  
Upshur  
Van Zandt  
Wichita  
Wilbarger  
Wise  
Wood  
Young

**Region 3**

Bastrop  
Bell  
Blanco  
Bosque  
Brazos  
Burlleson  
Burnet

Caldwell  
Coryell  
Falls  
Fayette  
Freestone  
Grimes  
Hamilton  
Hays

Hill  
Lampasas  
Lee  
Leon  
Limestone  
Llano  
Madison  
McLennan

Milam  
Mills  
Robertson  
San Saba  
Travis  
Washington  
Williamson

**Region 4**

Angelina  
Austin  
Brazoria  
Chambers  
Colorado  
Fort Bend  
Galveston

Hardin  
Harris  
Houston  
Jasper  
Jefferson  
Liberty  
Matagorda  
Montgomery

Nacogdoches  
Newton  
Orange  
Polk  
Sabine  
San Augustine  
San Jacinto  
Shelby

Trinity  
Tyler  
Walker  
Waller  
Wharton

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**Region 5**

Aransas  
Atascosa  
Bandera  
Bee  
Bexar  
Brooks  
Calhoun  
Cameron  
Comal  
Dewitt  
Dimmit

Duval  
Edwards  
Frio  
Gillespie  
Goliad  
Gonzales  
Guadalupe  
Hidalgo  
Jackson  
Jim Hogg  
Jim Wells  
Karnes

Kendall  
Kenedy  
Kerr  
Kinney  
Kleberg  
La Salle  
Lavaca  
Live Oak  
Maverick  
McMullen  
Medina  
Nueces

Real  
Refugio  
San Patricio  
Starr  
Uvalde  
Val Verde  
Victoria  
Webb  
Willacy  
Wilson  
Zapata  
Zavala



# Texas Health Care Information Council

## **Interested in volunteering on a health related technical advisory committee?**

The Texas Health Care Information Council (THCIC) was created by the Texas Legislature in 1995. Our charge is to help Texans make informed choices about health care providers. Currently, we collect performance data from Texas HMOs and from Texas hospitals and turn this data into reports for consumers to use in making “apples-to-apples” comparisons of these health care providers in the Texas marketplace.

THCIC seeks advice from technical advisory committees (TACs) who represent stakeholders to THCIC’s mission. All TACs require representation from Texas consumers in addition to representation from members with specific expertise.

- **Quality Methods TAC** – provides advice on the development and implementation of the methodology for Provider Reports, which are created by THCIC for public use. Licensed physicians practicing in Texas are required on this TAC.
- **Provider Quality TAC** – provides advice on the development and interpretation of data elements necessary to the determination of quality inpatient care and the development and format of reports relating to provider quality. Licensed physicians practicing in Texas are required on this TAC.
- **Consumer Education TAC** – provides advice relating to public education concerning the development and dissemination of agency reports. Texas consumers are required
- **Health Maintenance Organization TAC** – provides advice relating to the collection of health plan data specified by Health Plan Employer Data Information Set (HEDIS) as operated by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). HMO reports are then created by THCIC for public use.
- **Health Information Systems TAC** – provides advice relating to hospital information systems, health information management, quality management, and security of confidential data.

For more information on volunteering to serve on one of the advisory committees, refer to the THCIC web site at [www.thcic.state.tx.us](http://www.thcic.state.tx.us) or contact Dee Shaw at 512-482-3312.