



# Texas Health Care Information Council

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## THCIC Hospital Training

The next hospital training session will be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> in Austin and is at no cost to hospital. Training will be from 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. at the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 N. Congress, Room 118 and will cover the submission, correction, and certification of data. “Handouts” will be available at the training. For questions concerning the training agenda, please contact Terry Salazar at 512-482-3322.

To sign up for the February 6<sup>th</sup> hospital training or get information on parking, please contact Sandra Martin at 512-482-3312 or by e-mail at [Sandra.Martin@thcic.state.tx.us](mailto:Sandra.Martin@thcic.state.tx.us).

## Physicians To Review Certification Data

**Reminder:** Physicians and other health professionals must be given the opportunity to review, request correction of, and comment on records of patients for whom they are shown as admitting or treating in the data contained in each quarterly Certification File sent to hospitals. (*Texas Administrative Code §1301.17 (c)*). This should be done before a hospital submits the certification letter to THCIC.

*Once hospitals receive a certification file, they are given approximately 90 days to review and correct (30 days to submit corrections) any data before the certification letter is due to THCIC.*

## 2q01 Certification File Release

The 2q01 Certification Files were released to hospitals on December 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for making corrections to this file is **TODAY**. If you have not received the 2q01 Certification File, please contact the Helpdesk at 888-308-4953.

## Hospital Rules Posted on the *Texas Register*

Amendments to the Hospital Discharge Data rules and the new rules regarding Council reports were published in the December 28<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Texas Register* (<http://lamb.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.html>) and are available on THCIC’s web site. Written comments on the proposed rules will be accepted through the close of business on January 28, 2002.

One major topic in the proposed Hospital Discharge Data amendments includes new definitions for “Attending Physician” and “Operating or other physician”. The definitions provide guidance or clarification to the hospitals regarding which physician or other health practitioner should be listed in the respective fields on the UB92 electronic format.

A second topic is that only late or missing claims from one quarter prior will be accepted into the data processing system. That is, claims from hospitals that have a "Statement covers period through date" in the quarter prior to the quarter currently being certified.

### PUDFs Available for Purchase

The 1999 and 2000 Public Use Data Files (PUDFs) are available for purchase. The files include hospital discharges from over 400 hospitals, including patient geographic data, age group, sex, race and ethnicity, diagnoses and procedures, and sources of payment. Detailed charges data were released beginning with the third quarter 2000. For information on purchasing the PUDF, information is available on the THCIC web site at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us> or by calling 512-482-3312.

*Spring 2002...the release of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001 PUDF and the availability of the 2000 PUDF by regions.*

### Upcoming Meetings or Training

- Quality Methods TAC and Consumer Education TAC (joint) meeting – 1/22/02
- Health Information Systems TAC meeting – 2/1/02
- Executive Committee meeting – 2/1/02
- Hospital Training – 2/6/02

*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

- 1/18/02 – Last day to submit changes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2001 certification file
- 2/6/02 - Last day to submit changes to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2001 data
- 3/1/02 – Last day to submit the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2001 data
- 3/4/02 – 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2001 certification letters due to THCIC
- 3/8/02 – Hospitals to receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2001 certification file

**Questions?**

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