



# Texas Health Care Information Council

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## 1Q01 PUDF Available for Purchase

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2001 (1Q01) Public Use Data File (PUDF) is scheduled for release by the end of March 2002 and is available at a **discounted** price if payment is received by May 1, 2002. THCIC is offering the discounted price of \$400 for participating hospitals and \$800 for all other purchasers (plus shipping). The purchaser must submit the PUDF order form, a signed User's Agreement, and payment by Wednesday, May 1, 2002 to receive the discounted rate. Information for purchasing the PUDF is available on the THCIC web site at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us> or by calling 512-482-3312.

The 1999 and 2000 Public Use Data Files are also available for purchase. The files contain hospital discharges from over 400 hospitals, including patient geographic data, age group, sex, race and ethnicity, diagnoses and procedures, and sources of payment. Detailed charge data are included beginning with the third quarter 2000.

*The 2000 PUDF is now available by regions. (See the article in this newsletter.)*

## Hospital Reports

The first comparative reports on the performance of Texas hospitals using year 2000 data will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting ( March 8<sup>th</sup>). Once approved by the Executive Committee, THCIC will provide the hospitals that are included in the report an opportunity to review and comment on a masked version of the report. Hospitals will then have 60 days to submit comments before the reports are made available to the public.

## Upcoming Meetings or Training

- Executive Committee meeting – 3/8/02
- Consumer Education TAC meeting – 3/21/02
- THCIC Council meeting – 3/22/02

*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

- 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

## Interested in Statistics About Hospitals in Your Area?

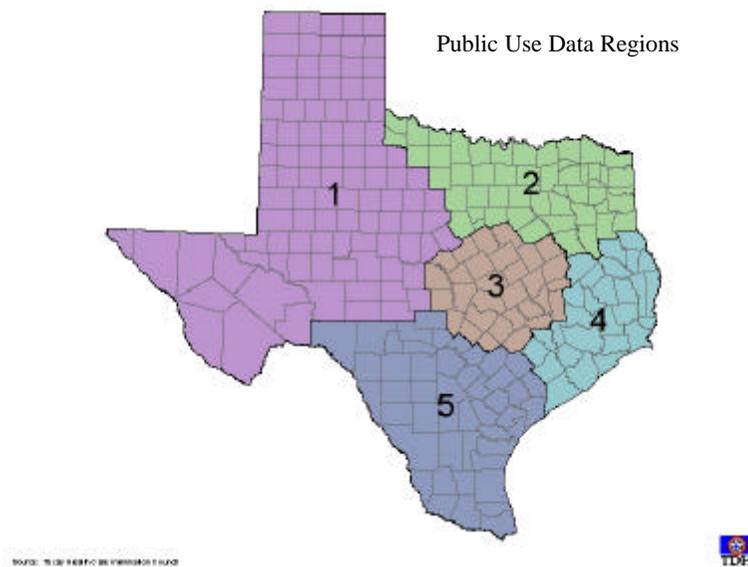
The Texas Health Care Information Council (THCIC) has released inpatient data for calendar year 2000 from over 400 Texas hospitals and packaged it into 5 region files. Regional breakouts are depicted on the map at the bottom of this page.

The Public Use Data Files (PUDFs) contains over 100 data elements pertaining to each patient stay, including the hospital name, patient age group, diagnosis and procedure codes, accommodation and ancillary charges (beginning with the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2000 discharges), length of hospital stay, patient status upon discharge, and other data elements.

THCIC has divided the statewide PUDF into 5 regions using Texas county boundaries to make the cost more affordable to hospitals, businesses, and the individual consumer. To view the list of counties within a region, go to <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/RegionalFiles.htm>. The PUDF order form may be downloaded at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/DataRequestForm.htm>.

Have questions or don't have access to the internet? Contact THCIC at 512-482-3312 for more information concerning the regional PUDF.

Check out the THCIC web site at [www.thcic.state.tx.us](http://www.thcic.state.tx.us) for other reports on health care in Texas.



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