



Texas Health Care Information Council

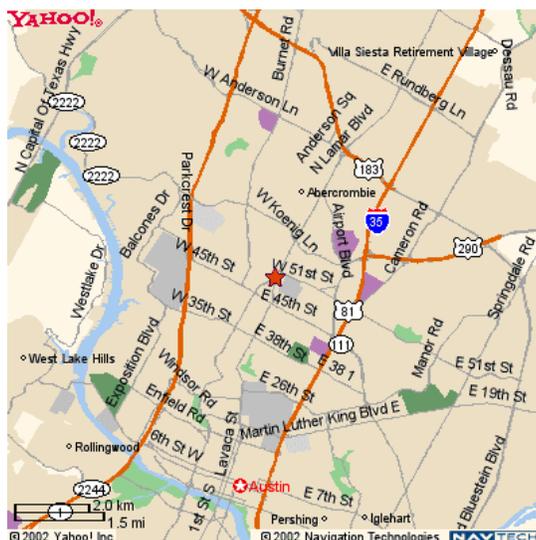
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THCIC Hospital Training

The next hospital training session is scheduled for May 14, 2002 in Austin and will cover the submission, correction, and certification of data. Training will begin at 9:00a.m. at the Brown-Heatly building located at 4900 North Lamar in room 1410. Please contact Sandra Martin at 512-482-3312 for a reservation. The training is free!!



Release of the Hospital Level Report

On April 10, 2002, THCIC mailed letters to each hospital that will be named in the Hospital Level Report (due for release by THCIC in July 2002). The letters were mailed to the hospital administrator/CEO and THCIC primary contact and outlines instructions for accessing the restricted web site THCIC has set up for the hospitals to review and comment on the information contained in this report. **Comments must be submitted by June 20, 2002 via the restricted web site.**

Hospitals not included in this report, that submitted data to THCIC, were sent letters on April 26, 2002. The letters were sent to the hospital administrator only and outlines instructions for accessing the restricted web site for review only.

Questions concerning the report should be directed to Dee Shaw at 512-482-3318.

THCIC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Vacancies

THCIC has three TACs that currently have vacancies; the **Health Information System (HIS)** TAC (one vacancy), the **Provider Quality (PQ)** TAC (2 practicing physician vacancies), and the **Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)** TAC (one vacancy). Interested persons may submit a TAC application located at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/TACvacancies.htm> or contact Dee Shaw at 512-482-3318 for more information.

Upcoming Meetings or Training

- Hospital Training – 5/14/02 in Austin
- CE & QM TAC joint meeting – 5/22/02
- Executive Committee meeting – 5/24/02
- THCIC Council meeting – 6/21/02

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

- 4/15/02 – Last day to submit corrections to the 3q01 certification file
- 5/1/02 – Final encounters for 3q01 certification file available to the hospitals
- 5/1/02 – Last day to submit corrections to the 4q01 submission file
- 6/1/02 – 3q01 Certification letters due
- 6/1/02 – Submission of 1q02 data to THIN by hospitals
- 6/1/02 – Hospitals to retrieve/receive the 4q01 certification file

Questions?

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