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New Contractor to Take Over Part 1 Data Collection

Commonwealth Clinical Systems has been selected as the new Part 1 Data Collection contractor. Commonwealth will take over the Part 1 data collection activities from the current contractor, THIN, on or before January 1, 2005.

THCIC, Commonwealth, and THIN are committed to making the transition as transparent as possible to submitters. A transition schedule will be released in the next 60 days.

In addition to assuming data collection services, Commonwealth is also providing a new data entry tool, KeyClaim, to replace the TX-ACE software provided by THIN. This software will be available August 1 (see article below).

New Data Entry Tool Available August 1

A new data entry tool, KeyClaim, that will accommodate the data elements, lengths and values of the THCIC 837 claim format will be available beginning August 1. This tool replaces the TX-ACE data entry software provided by THIN. The tool runs on a PC with all Windows versions, and does not require *Access*. Use of the tool is available to all hospitals.

Training

Training sessions on use of the new tool are scheduled for the end of this month in San Antonio and Dallas. The Dallas session is scheduled for July 26th at 10:00 a.m. at North Dallas Rehab Hospital, 8383 Meadow Rd (Dining Room). The San Antonio session is scheduled for July 30th at 10:00 a.m. at Warm Springs Rehab Hospital, 5101 Medical Dr (1st Floor – The Resource Center). THCIC would like to thank Pam Duhon and North Dallas Rehab Hospital, and Kathy Powell and Warm Springs Rehab Hospital, for arranging and hosting the training sessions!

To register for either session, please contact Terry Salazar at 458-7111, ext 2352 or terry.salazar@tdh.state.tx.us. Please provide her with the following information: THCIC ID number, hospital name and city, participant name, title, phone number, and e-mail address. The training is free, but seating is limited.

THIN Accepting Test Submissions of THCIC 837

THIN is accepting and reviewing 837 test submissions. Submitters should contact Sherri Kelly at sherri_kelly@thinedi.com or (972) 766-8706 regarding questions on test submission requirements or for status on test submissions.

Note: THIN has targeted August 9th to begin accepting 837 and UB92T production submissions.

Reminder: Delay in Processing 2004 Claims Submissions

1st Quarter claims received after June 1, 2004 will be processed with the 2nd Quarter 2004 claims and both quarters of claims will be returned to hospitals for correction and review following the 2nd Quarter 2004 schedule.

New Name Same Initials

Effective September 1st, the Texas Health Care Information Council hospital discharge data collection efforts will become part of the new Department of State Health Services (DSHS) and will reside in the Center for Health Statistics, but the THCIC acronym will continue. Staff of the former Texas Health Care Information Council will become the new Texas Health Care Information Collection team within the Center for Health Statistics at the DSHS. So, THCIC is and will be alive and well.

Reduced Pricing Offer on the THCIC PUDF

Effective 06/28/04, THCIC is offering a 40% discounted price of the 1999, 2000, and 2001 Public Use Data File (PUDF) through 08/06/04. (Note: This discount does not apply to purchases by quarterly data or regional data.) The cost to "Reporting Hospitals" for this limited time is \$1500 for each year of data; to "All Others" is \$3000.

Interested parties may download the PUDF Data User Agreement and Order Form at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/Publications.htm#PUDF>. The user agreement, order form, and full payment for the data **must be received by 08/06/04** for the discount to apply.

For more information, please contact Dee Shaw at (512) 458-7111 ext 3374 or dee.shaw@tdh.state.tx.us.

Important Phone Numbers

Texas Health Information Network (THIN)

THIN Helpline – 972-766-5480

Sherri Kelly – 972-766-8706 or sherri_kelly@thinedi.com

Ann Shelton – 972-766-6311 or ann_shelton@thinedi.com

Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)

THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or THCICHelp@comclin.net

CCS web site – www.comclin.net/thcic/default.htm

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Reminders and Deadlines

A new hospital discharge data schedule may be downloaded from <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/hospitals/schedule/schedule.htm>.

- 9/1/04 – Cutoff for 1q04 and 2q04 initial submission