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4q2002 Public Use Data File (PUDF)

Since the release of the 4q02 PUDF (dated December 2003) in January 2004, an error was discovered in the primary source of payment fields and a format change was discovered in the DRG fields. These errors have been corrected and THCIC is in the process of mailing out the corrected CDs to purchasers. The corrected 4q02 PUDF CD will be labeled with a date of February 2004 and will include a description of what was changed/corrected.

Purchasers of the 4q02 PUDF should contact Dee Shaw at dee.shaw@tdh.state.tx.us if they have not received the corrected CD by the 15th of March 2004.

UB92T To Be Accepted Through December 31, 2004 By THCIC

As a result of the January 13 Questions and Answers session and subsequent discussions with hospitals, vendors, and trade associations, the transition to the THCIC 837 format has been revised to allow for the submission of the UB92 for claims through December 31, 2004. Because some hospitals are already submitting data in the THCIC 837 format, the UB92*Transition* format that is being accepted is a slightly revised version of the UB92 to allow for all claims to be processed as if submitted in the THCIC 837 format. These UB92T claims are UB92 version 6.0 with these two modifications:

1. The 6-digit THCIC ID **must** be placed in the data element “Other Insurer Provider #2” [record 10, field 10, columns 74-86].
2. The data element “Receiver Identification” [record 01, field 6, columns 32-36] **must** contain the value “TH837”.

These modifications must be made for the UB92T claims to be processed. Claims submitted in the UB92T format will be processed as follows:

1. *Claims Translation:*
UB92T claims will be translated into THCIC 837 claims for processing.
2. *Data Translation:*
Standard Source of Payment and Non-Standard Source of Payment code values will be translated into the Claim Indicator Source Code.
3. *Audit:*
UB92T claims will be subjected to the THCIC 837 audits.

4. *Claims Correction:*

Hospitals may submit claims corrections using the UB92T claim or use the new THCIC 837 Data Correction Software.

5. *Certification:*

Hospitals will use the new THCIC 837 Certification Software.

Hospitals are encouraged to submit data in the THCIC 837 format as quickly as possible to take advantage of the expanded numbers of diagnosis, procedures, and e-codes. When data for year 2004 are released, each record will include an indicator of the format in which the data were submitted. Hospitals must continue to make a good faith effort to transition to the THCIC 837 format to not be penalized by THCIC. All claims must be submitted in the THCIC 837 format by January 1, 2005.

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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>.

- 3/1/04 – Cutoff for 4q03 data submission
- 3/1/04 – Certification letters (and comments) due for 2q03
- 3/1/04 – Hospitals to retrieve 3q03 Certification file
- 3/12/04 – THCIC Board meeting in Austin
- 3/23/04 – Hospital Data Collection Workgroup meeting in Austin
- 4/1/04 – Cutoff for 4q03 corrections
- 4/15/04 – Cutoff for 3q03 Certification corrections