



# Texas Health Care Information Council

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## **Certification of Data**

Effective November 1, 2003, THCIC no longer provides the Certification and/or Error files to hospitals on diskette or CD-ROM. Hospitals must dial in by modem to retrieve the files from an electronic mailbox located at Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS). Hospitals not wishing to use this method of retrieving the Certification and/or Error files, may contact CCS at 888-308-4953 to request the files on diskette or CD-ROM at the hospitals expense.

It is the hospitals responsibility to retrieve the Certification and/or Error files. Please note that not submitting a Certification Letter for each quarter/year is punishable by a civil penalty.

## **DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR 2004 SERVICES UNLESS YOU CAN SAY YES TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING...**

You are submitting in the THCIC 837 claim format and have completed testing with THIN

Or

You have made the two changes to your UB92 claim format necessary to submit 2004 data.

\*Hospitals unable to submit in the UB92T or THCIC 837 for 2004 services must contact Dee Shaw at 512-458-7261 or [dee.shaw@tdh.state.tx.us](mailto:dee.shaw@tdh.state.tx.us).

(See the article below).

## **UB92T To Be Accepted Through December 31, 2004**

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### **Hospitals now have more time to prepare for submitting their claims in the THCIC 837 format**

In case you didn't get the previous Numbered Letter: The due date for submitting THCIC 837 claims has been extended to December 31, 2004. However, this is a drop-dead date and is fixed – not tied to the service date.

In order to continue to submit UB92 claims, hospitals **must modify their claims format to meet the UB92Transition requirements**. The UB92T format requires very minor changes to the existing UB92 version 6.0. The required changes allow for all claims to be processed as if submitted in the THCIC 837 format.

To create a valid UB92T claim, make the following two modifications to your UB92 version 6.0:

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 Filing Indicator 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.

### **Don't Be Left Behind in 2004**

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 for their 2004 data. When data for year 2004 are released, each record will include an indicator of the format in which the data were submitted.

### **Only 9 months to January 1, 2005**

All claims must be submitted in the THCIC 837 format beginning January 1, 2005, no exceptions. The date is fixed and not tied to the service period. So, in order to avoid the cutover pain, hospitals should begin submitting the THCIC 837 claim format in September to avoid hitting the wall.

### **Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2002**

The review by hospitals of the data to be included in the *2002 Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals* ended on April 1. Comments were received from many hospitals and they will become part of the report. The report is expected to be released in May and hospitals will be notified of the release date when it has been determined.

## **First Quarter 2003 PUDF Release**

The Public Use Data File for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2003 will be mailed by April 9th to those who have already purchased the file. The file contains data from 445 hospitals on nearly 700,000 discharges. The cost of the file is \$1500 and the entire year can be purchased for \$5000. The cost of the file to reporting hospitals is \$750 and \$2500 for the entire year.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

### **Texas Health Information Network (THIN)**

THIN Helpdesk – 972-766-5480

Sherri Kelly – 972-766-8706

Ann Shelton – 972-766-6311

### **Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)**

THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or [THCICHelp@comclin.net](mailto:THCICHelp@comclin.net)

CCS web site – [www.comclin.net/diana](http://www.comclin.net/diana)

**TDH-Center for Health Statistics** – 512-458-7261

### **THCIC Staff – 512-458-7111**

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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>.

- 4/1/04 – Cutoff for 4q03 corrections
- 4/15/04 – Cutoff for 3q03 Certification corrections
- 5/1/04 – Hospital to retrieve 4q03 Certification file