



Review of Revised *Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2003*

Patients transferred to rehabilitation hospitals and some long-term care facilities were excluded from the initial *Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals* for 2003 reviewed by hospitals in the summer. These patients account for about 2.5% of the total inpatient discharges in 2003, but the exclusion adversely affected the mortality indicators. Revised calculations for the mortality indicators will be available for the required review and comment process beginning tomorrow, **October 5, 2005, ending December 3**. Volume and Utilization indicators are unaffected by the omission of these patients and are available on the THCIC website.

Comments submitted during this review will be appended to the comments previously submitted. Hospitals are in order by MSA and by the same hospital number used for the review of the indicators in the summer. Hospitals are to use the passwords and identifier issued for the initial review of the 2003 report sent to the hospital March 24. Questions about the password/identifier should be directed to Dee Roes by e-mail at dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us.

Questions about the report should be directed to Sylvia Cook by e-mail at sylvia.cook@dshs.state.tx.us.

THCIC E-Mail Down

The DSHS E-mail server was down during the week of September 23rd through October 2nd. If you sent an e-mail to THCIC during this time and have not received a response, please send your request/message again.

2004 PUDF Available for Pre-purchase

The 2004 Public Use Data File (PUDF) is now available for pre-purchase. The order form is located at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/Hospitals/PUDFOrderForm.pdf>. THCIC will post information on the release of the 2004 PUDF on the THCIC web site as the files become available.

Hospital Discharge Data Submission, Correction, and Certification Training Session

The next THCIC training session for submission, correction, and certification is scheduled for Thursday, November 3, 2005, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

The session will be in Austin at the Department of State Health Services, 1100 W. 49th Street in K-100. If you plan to attend please contact Bruce Burns, D.C. at bruce.burns@dshs.state.tx.us, provide the following information about yourself and your facility.

THCIC ID _____
 Hospital/Organization _____
 City _____
 Registrant Name _____
 Title _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-mail Address _____

You can attend one or all of them the training sessions. The Slides are on the Website <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>, please print these out and bring to the session.

- 9:00 Upload and Download of Data Secured Server, HyperTerminal, demonstration
- 10:00 Data Submission and KeyClaim Software (Slide show is currently being updated)
- 10:40 Data Correction, DCS Software
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Data Certification, CertView Software
- 2:15 Software Demonstrations

If you do not have e-mail you can call (512) 458-7111 x 6431 (press "1" before you dial the extension #).

Important Phone Numbers

Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)

- THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or THCICHelp@comclin.net
- CCS web site – www.thcichelp.com (Please note that this is a new Web site for the THCIC help desk.)
- HyperTerminal Phone Number – (434) 297-0367 (For Data Submission, Corrections and Uploading Certification Comments)
- FTP address – [ftp.comclin.com](ftp://comclin.com)

DSHS-Center for Health Statistics – 512-458-7261

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