



Your Feedback Requested for New PUDF Content and Format

At the last meeting of the Hospital Data Collection Workgroup on May 11, the format of the Public Use Data File (PUDF) for 2004 discharges was discussed. Year 2004 marks the beginning of data collection in the THCIC 837 format and the collection of up to 25 diagnosis codes and procedure codes and up to 10 E-codes. The availability of additional data will change the format in which the data are released.

THCIC proposed releasing a basic data file, following a file structure similar to the current PUDF, but including all of the additional diagnosis and procedure codes and E-codes, and a separate file to include detailed charges data. Because hospitals moved to submitting data in the THCIC 837 format at different times, it was suggested at the meeting that the basic PUDF for year 2004 discharges include up to 9 diagnosis codes, 6 procedure codes and 1 E-code, as if all the data had been collected in the UB-92 format. Any additional codes would be released in a separate file. It was also suggested that the basic PUDF, with the limited codes, be used by DSHS for any 2004 reports. Beginning with data for 2005 discharges, all diagnosis and procedure codes and E-codes would be included in the basic PUDF and used by DSHS for reporting.

These topics will be discussed further at a meeting of the Workgroup on June 22. THCIC is soliciting your comments on the content of the 2004 PUDF. The files for the first and second quarters should be ready for release in late July. Your comments on the number of codes that should be used by DSHS for 2004 reporting are also welcome. Please send any comments on these issues to Dee Roes at dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us by June 20 so that your comments will be considered.

New Condition Code for Do Not Resuscitate

The National Uniform Billing committee authorized a condition code of “P1” for DNR - Do Not Resuscitate. The code became effective for data reporting on 2/23/05.

This code is for Public Health data reporting and is valid for submission to THCIC beginning with first quarter 2005 data. The code indicates that a “Do Not Resuscitate order” was recorded and noted in the patient’s medical record within 24 hours of admission to the hospital.

New Condition code valid for 1Q05 data
P1 - Do not Resuscitate Order (DNR)

CCS Improves Claim Submissions Notification Process

Data submissions are now pulled automatically during business hours. Submitters can expect that a receipt response will be sent within **minutes** of disconnecting from the system.

Preprocessor reports are now triggered by the completion of audits, instead of being triggered by a manual notification process.

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://ftp.comclin.com)

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

THCIC Staff – 512-458-7111

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THCIC fax – 512-458-7740

Production Schedule

The hospital discharge data schedule may be downloaded from <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/hospitals/schedule.shtm>.

- 06/01/05 – Certification letters and comments due for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters 2004.
- 06/01/05 - Submission of 1q05.
- 06/01/05 – Hospitals to receive/retrieve 4q04 certification file.
- 07/15/05 - Cutoff for corrections for 4q04 certification file
- 08/1/05 - Cutoff for corrections for 1q05