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Outpatient Public Use Data File (PUDF) Data Release – 4th Quarter 2009

On March 1st THCIC will release for the first time data on outpatient surgical and radiological procedures occurring in October, November, and December 2009 reported by Texas licensed hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

An Introductory price is being offered for the 4q2009 Outpatient - Public Use Data File (PUDF). The Outpatient Order Form may be downloaded at

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/Hospitals/OutpatientPUDFOrderForm.pdf>

The 4q09 Outpatient PUDF contains data on surgical and radiological outpatient events from 677 Texas hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers for the 4th quarter 2009 and includes 123 data fields in a base data file, 141 data fields in a classifications data file, 27 data fields in a facility type data file, and 13 data fields in a detailed charges file. A data dictionary describing each data field may be downloaded at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/Hospitals/DataDictionary.pdf>.

Base and classifications data file: 1,814,435 records

Charges data file: 13,274,527 records

Purchasers of the 4q2009 Outpatient PUDF must complete an order form and data use agreement, mailing in the completed packet with payment. Only checks are accepted.

Purchasers may wish to review the 4q2009 Outpatient PUDF Reporting Status, 2009 prior to purchasing the data, which is posted at

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/Hospitals/ReportingStatus.pdf>.

The 4q2009 Outpatient PUDF ordering information may also be downloaded from

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Hospitals/HospitalData.shtm>.

For those that wish to pre-purchase the complete 2010 Outpatient PUDF, the expected release dates are as follows:

1q10 – March 2011

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Inpatient Public Use Data File (PUDF) 1st Quarter 2010 Release

THCIC released the 1st quarter 2010 Inpatient Discharges PUDF on February 3, 2011.

The 1q10 Inpatient PUDF contains data on discharges from 546 Texas hospitals for the 1st quarter 2010 and includes 255 data fields in a base data file representing 773,094 records and 13 data fields in a detailed charges file representing 12,296,693 records.

The PUDF contains data on hospital inpatient discharges and includes:

- Patient demographic data - including age group, sex, race and ethnicity
- Geographic data - including the patient's zip code
- Diagnoses and procedures
- Expected primary and secondary sources of payment – including detailed charges

The Texas PUDF is one of the largest sources of hospital discharge data in the U.S. It can be used for:

- Studying and improving health care services – including monitoring patient quality and outcomes
- Strategic planning – including comparative analyses and market assessment
- Marketing and business development – including program and product line planning

Information on the individual data fields is included in the 2010 User Manual and may be previewed at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/Hospitals/UserManual.pdf>.

Purchasing the Inpatient PUDF requires a completed order form and data use agreement, which may be downloaded at www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic.

For those that wish to pre-purchase the complete 2010 Inpatient PUDF, the expected release dates are as follows:

2q10 – June 2011

3q10 – September 2011

4q10 – December 2011

Training (Hospitals, ASCs and Submitters)

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WebCert (Outpatient Certification) – Certifying your facility Outpatient Data

Training sessions are posted at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/Training.shtm>. There is no limit on how many times you can sign up for the free on-line training.

If you would like to attend the training sessions, please e-mail Tiffany Overton at thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us and:

Include your preferred training Date and Time in the “Subject” line; and the following in the message area:

- THCIC ID Number
- Facility Name
- Participant(s) Name and Title
- E-mail Address
- Phone Number

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