
Texas Health Care Information Collection - THCIC
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CHS Releases MONAHRQ

The Center for Health Statistics (CHS) released a **TEXAS** web-based query tool, (the MONAHRQ[®]), in July 2014 that was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

The MONAHRQ[®] tool analyzes, summarizes, and presents healthcare information in a format ready for use by consumers and other decision makers regarding:
Hospital level- quality of care and health care utilization;
Area level- preventable hospitalizations, rates of conditions and procedures, estimated costs and cost-savings related to the quality of care.

Find the **Texas** data at

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/monahrq.shtm>

Emergency Department Data Collection (Hospital)

All hospitals will be required to report Emergency Department (ED) events beginning with January 1, 2015 services.

The ED data collected will consist of procedures covered by specific Revenue Codes, which include:

- (1) 0450 Emergency Room-- General Classification;
- (2) 0451 Emergency Room--EMTALA Emergency Medical Screening;
- (3) 0452 Emergency Room--Emergency Room beyond EMTALA;
- (4) 0456 Emergency Room--Urgent Care;
- (5) 0459 Emergency Room-- Other Emergency Room

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The ED data shall follow the same reporting guidelines and specifications as the Outpatient data reports, and may be reported with the hospital's surgical/radiological Outpatient data.

Rules regarding the collection of ED data have been approved for publishing in the *Texas Register*, by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and are expected to be posted in the *Texas Register* by October 1, 2015. (Staff anticipate the rules will be published in the September 19th Edition of the *Texas Register*.)

Rural Provider Reporting (Hospital/ASC)

Rural hospitals and rural ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) that were approved for exemption by THCIC for the 2014 data reporting period will be required to report the data starting with the 1st Quarter of 2015 (1q2015) services, which is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2015. This is in response to Senate Bill (SB) 7 (82nd First Called) Section 7.07(b) and the rules are scheduled to be adopted and published in the September 19th Edition of the *Texas Register*.

Hospitals will be required to report all Inpatient Discharge data, select invasive surgical and radiological/imaging procedures (see [required revenue codes](#) or [procedure codes associated with required service and procedure codes](#)) in the Outpatient data, and Emergency Department data.

The **ASCs** will only be required to report invasive surgical and radiological/imaging [required revenue codes](#) (if using the 837 Institutional format) or [procedure codes associated with required service and procedure codes](#) (if using 837 Professional format) for the Outpatient data.

The THCIC recommends attending our training sessions prior to January 1, 2015, to learn more about the data reporting requirements and processes. Information on training is located at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Training.shtm>.

The 1q2015 data, January 1 – March 31 2015 services, must be reported to THCIC no later than June 1, 2015 for state compliance. **Early reporting is encouraged.**

Earlier this year, the THCIC provided each exempted rural facility an informational document outlining the steps to take for getting ready to report the required data. This document was emailed to the THCIC Provider Primary Contact assigned by the facility's Administrator. This documentation, "**Information on Data Reporting**", may be requested again by sending an E-mail to dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us. Please provide your THCIC/Provider ID in the E-mail request.

Rules regarding the repeal of the rural provider exemption have been approved for publishing in the *Texas Register*, by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and are expected to be posted in the *Texas Register* by October 1, 2015. (Staff anticipate the rules will be published in the September 19th Edition of the *Texas Register*.)

Sunset Review

2014 was a busy year for THCIC. The 83rd Legislature, House Bill (HB) 1394, directed the Sunset Advisory Commission to examine the mission and purpose of the THCIC program in conjunction with its review of DSHS.

Sunset Advisory Commission representatives worked tirelessly with THCIC staff in effort to improve processes within the THCIC program area. The results of the Commission’s findings revealed “*The State Has a Continuing Need for the Texas Health Care Information Collection Program*”. The Commission has directed THCIC to continue to improve and make healthcare information more easily accessible to consumers. This will remain a top priority for the program, which is ultimately to provide consumers access to accurate and reliable healthcare information.

Updates for THCIC Hospital Inpatient Manual (Hospital)

The National Uniform Billing Committee added a New Qualifying Code: “HP”, indicating the code would be a Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) Skilled Nursing Facility Rate Code. This qualifying code is used in the following charges segment, “SV2” - Institutional Service” located on Page # 142 of the THCIC Hospital Discharge Data Collection 5010 THCIC 837 Technical Specifications Manual, Version 9. Version 9 will be released shortly.

The following note will be added to the Version 9 THCIC Hospital Discharge Data Collection 5010 THCIC 837 Technical Specifications Manual, and Version 10 of the of the THCIC Data Collection 5010 Outpatient THCIC 837 Technical Specifications Manual.

Note: We have added the phrase in all section(s) of HI - Health Care Information ICD-9 diagnosis codes and ICD-9 procedure Codes. "THCIC anticipates following the federal requirements to transition from ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes to ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes and from ICD-9-CM procedure codes to ICD10-PCS procedure codes by October 1, 2015, or the date that CMS requires the implementation of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes.

Rate Increase for Services at System13 (Hospital/ASC)

Item	Effective 9/1/2014
Charge to providers for data distribution on hard media	\$39.00
Hourly programming charge	\$111.00
Rate for corrections during certification	\$111.00
Rate for recreating certification files	\$433.00
Rate for rush order	\$326.00

Upcoming Due Dates (Hospital/ASC)

September 2, 2014

4q2013 data certification due
1q2014 begin certification data review
2q2014 reporting of data due

December 1, 2014

1q2014 data certification due
2q2014 begin certification data review
3q2014 reporting of data due

November 3, 2014

2q2014 data correction period ends

A schedule of ALL due dates may be found at

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>

Training Webinars (Hospital/ASC)

THCIC provides Webinar trainings, at no cost, on the data reporting processes required of all Texas hospital and ambulatory surgery centers. Postings for Webinar dates may be viewed at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/Training.shtm>

Signing up for training is limitless and refresher training is encouraged.

To attend the Webinar training(s), please send inquiries to: **thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us**.

For help or general questions on Submission, Correction, and Certification please contact:
Tiffany Overton, (512) 776-2352 or **thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us**

How to Reach Us

System13 (in Virginia)

System13 web site – **<https://thcic.system13.com>**

System13 Helpdesk

Monday-Friday, 8:00a – 5:00p (Central Time)

Phone: 888-308-4953 or (434) 977-0000

Email: **thcichelp@system13.com**

THCIC (in Austin)

THCIC web site – **www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic**

THCIC/CHS main phone: (512) 776-7261

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Past Newsletters

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Numbered-Letters/>

Links to Forms and Documents

Provider Contact Update Form -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilityInformationRequest.pdf>

No Quarterly Data to Report Form -

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport\(2\).pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport(2).pdf)

Current Provider Contact List –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilitiesList.xls>

Appendices Document –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/5010-Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Appendices.pdf>

Contains:

- Country Codes
- Default Values
- Race and Ethnicity documents
- Revenue Code Groupings used for Encounter File and PUDF
- Audit IDs and Audit Messages
- Payer Source Coding Guide
- Key Data Elements for matching INPATIENT claims
- Key Data Elements for matching OUTPATIENT claims

Data Reporting Schedule –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>

Inpatient Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>

Includes:

- WebClaim, WebCorrect, and WebCert Presentations
- Inpatient Technical Specifications Manual for Electronic Data Reporting

Outpatient Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/OutpatientReportingRequirements.shtm>

Includes:

- WebClaim, WebCorrect, and WebCert Presentations
- Outpatient Technical Specifications Manual for Electronic Data Reporting

History of the Texas Health Care Information Collection Program

On September 1, 2003 the legacy state agencies; Texas Health Care Information Council (THCIC), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA), and the Mental Health branch of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation were merged to form the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in response to the passage of HB 2292 (78th Texas Legislature). All functions of THCIC continue in the Center for Health Statistics within DSHS.

THCIC was created by **Chapter 108** of the Health and Safety Code by the 74th Texas Legislature in 1995.

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.108.htm>

Rules

Rules that apply to the Texas Health Care Information Collection are found in Chapter 421 of Title 25, Part 1 of the Texas Administrative Code.

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421)

Applied Research

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/GeneralInfo/AppliedResearch.shtm>

Quality of Care Reports

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2012

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/IQIRReport/Indicators-of-Inpatient-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2012.shtm>

Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2012

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/PDIRReport/Quality-of-Children-s-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2012.shtm>

Statistical Reports

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/Statisticalreports.shtm>

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