
Texas Health Care Information Collection - THCIC
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Certification of Quarterly Data (Hospital/ASC)

THCIC Processes; hospital and ASC requirements:

Process 1: Submit quarterly data

Process 2: Correct erred quarterly data

***Process 3: Certify quarterly data**

Each quarterly dataset must be certified **no later than** the scheduled certification due date.

Each quarterly certification due date may be found on the THCIC Schedule posted at:

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

Facilities that miss a quarterly certification due date will be shown as “Failed to Certify” in the THCIC public release of data documentation for that quarter.

There is no “grace period” for facilities that miss a certification due date. System13 will disable the ability to certify the data in the **WebCert** component the day following a quarterly certification due date.

Texas Administrative Code rules on the **certification** of the THCIC data may be reviewed at [Inpatient RULE §421.7](#) and [Outpatient RULE §421.66](#).

ICD-10 Transition

The system upgrade and modifications for ICD-10 were implemented on October 2. The transition went very smoothly, with a minimum of system downtime. With the implementation, the table loading time increased dramatically due to the large number of ICD-10 codes.

On November 17, System13 implemented a solution for table loading that has reduced the time for loading to less than one-third of the time BEFORE the ICD-10 implementation. You may compare your computer to this standard: Using Internet Explorer, for a computer with a CPU at 3.40 GHz, 16.0 GB of RAM, and a 64-bit Operating System, the load time is just 7 seconds.

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Annual Inpatient Report – 2013

The annual inpatient report for 2013 is available on the THCIC website:

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

This report provides an overview of hospitalizations in Texas during 2013 based on Public Used Data File (PUDF) inpatient data. The information contained in this report is intended for anyone interested in a better understanding of services provided by hospitals and the characteristics of patients who received them.

The report consists of four sections:

- Overview of statistics for inpatient hospital stays
- Most frequent conditions occurring during hospital stays
- Most frequent procedures performed in hospital stays
- Charge for inpatient hospital stays

Provider Contact Information (Hospital/ASC)

All hospitals and ASCs are required to provide THCIC with a liaison at their facility and must keep the liaison information **up-to-date** at all times.

The main THCIC liaison is referred to as the THCIC Provider Primary Contact or Data Administrator and serves as the liaison between THCIC (and System13, Inc.) and the facility.

When an assigned THCIC Provider Primary Contact no longer works for the facility, the facility is responsible for reassigning a liaison and notifying THCIC of the change. By keeping the Provider Primary Contact information up-to-date, this ensures THCIC communications and System13, Inc. notifications are received by the facility in a timely manner.

In addition to the THCIC Provider Primary Contact, the Alternate Contact and Certifier of Record information must also be kept up-to-date.

A list of current facility contacts may be viewed at:

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

If the THCIC provider contact information needs to be updated, please complete, sign, and return the THCIC contact form posted at:

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

Upcoming Due Dates (Hospital/ASC)

December 1, 2015

1q2015 data certification due
2q2015 begin certification data review
3q2015 reporting of data due

February 1, 2016

3q2015 data correction period ends

March 1, 2016

2q2015 data certification due
3q2015 begin certification data review
4q2015 reporting of data due

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/Training.shtm>

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

THCIC encourages all staff involved with the THCIC state data reporting to sign up for training.

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, Inc. (in Virginia)

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THCIC (in Austin)

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Past Newsletters

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

Links to Forms and Documents

Patient Notification of Data Collection Form –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Patient-Notification-of-Data-Collection.pdf>

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/hospitals/5010InpatientandOutpatientAppendicesVer3.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>

Outpatient and Emergency Department Reporting Requirements -

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

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)

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>

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