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Did You Know? (All staff involved with THCIC)

- The assigned THCIC Provider Primary Contact may provide up to six (6) staff with their own provider logins to access our system. Instructions are in the Vol 15 Num 3 newsletter.

- A disabled login, due to 3 failed login attempts, will automatically be "reset" by our system after an hour.

- All login passwords MUST be changed every 60 days in our system.

- When communicating with THCIC or System13, always provide the facility's assigned THCIC ID Number (not the facility name or a login username) for identification.

- The newsletter notifications are distributed by email to the assigned THCIC Primary Contact at each facility, who should then share the newsletter with internal staff.

- Your quarterly certification "comments" are PUBLICLY released as written. Use caution.

Rate Increase for Services at System13 (Hospital/ASC)

Item	Effective 9/1/2016
Charge to providers for data distribution on hard media	$41.00
Hourly programming charge	$117.00
Rate for corrections during certification	$117.00
Rate for recreating certification files	$460.00
Rate for rush order	$346.00

Claim Accuracy Enforcement (All staff involved with THCIC)

Claims reported to Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC) are required to be 100% accurate. THCIC has recently discovered an increase in claim errors that are not being corrected by

the provider. This becomes a compliance issue for the provider when claim errors are not corrected by the scheduled timeline.

When a hospital, ambulatory surgery center, or a designated vendor reports data to System13, Inc. (the THCIC data warehouse), System13 provides **detailed** information to the provider regarding **errors** within each claim. All claim **errors** should be corrected by the provider no later than the scheduled correction timeline.

The system also permits providers to generate and print information regarding data errors after corrections have been made through a report called "Frequency of Error Report" (FER). The FER provides information on the claims accuracy rate as well as the "Hardcopy Error Report" (HCR) and are available on your Reports tab.

Enforcement of claim accuracy by THCIC has begun through email notifications.

System13, Inc. audits each claim when it is received to ensure that all required information has been reported in all required data fields.

Required data fields are listed in the rules 25 TAC §§421.9 and 421.67 and the Inpatient Technical Specifications Manual and the Outpatient Technical Specifications Manual. Failure to report the required information in a data field results in the claim being marked as an ERROR.

Common errors are:

1. a required REVENUE code or a required HCPCS code from the list of the THCIC required codes
2. missing PROCEDURE code
3. missing or invalid patient RACE
4. missing or invalid patient ETHNICITY
5. missing or invalid code for PRESENT ON ADMISSION (POA)
6. missing PRINCIPAL DIAGNOSIS
7. missing REVENUE Code when Service Line Charges exists

A list of all claim audits are found in the 5010 Inpatient and Outpatient Appendices document.

Updating Provider Contact Information (CEO or Facility Administrator)

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 services as the liaison between THCIC (and System13) and the facility.

When an assigned THCIC Provider Primary Contact no longer works for the facility, the facility CEO/Administrator 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 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 as well as the CEO/Facility Administrator.

A list of current facility contacts may be viewed at:
http://www.dshs.texas.gov/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:
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Legislative Corner (Hospital/ASC)

THCIC is gearing up for the upcoming 85th Texas Legislative session. Pre-filing of bills will begin mid- November, 2016. Once filing begins, and throughout the legislative session, THCIC works very closely with various legislative committees, stakeholders and internal and external agencies in effort to assist in providing information to help make informed decisions. The 85th regular session will convene on January 10, 2017.

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