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CMS-DRG, APR-DRG Incorrectly Assigned to 4q07 – 1q08 Cert Files (For Hospitals)

System13, Inc., the contractor formerly known as Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS) that collects and processes the inpatient discharge data, has found that CMS-DRGs and APR-DRGs were not always correctly assigned for fourth quarter 2007 and first quarter 2008 data. The two assigned DRGs and the severity of illness scores were affected for each facility.

System13 will correct this problem (by re-processing each facilities existing data through the CMS-DRG and APR-DRG software tools) and provide the certification files for 4th quarter 2007 and 1st quarter 2008 containing the corrected reports for your review. These files will be available for **download on Tuesday, October 28**. The original submitted data will be the same unless you have contracted with System13, Inc. to have 1Q08 data modified (e.g., late data submissions, physician errors or deletion of duplicate claims) prior to the deadline for corrections at the time of certification.

The corrected DRGs **affect only the reports** available to you during the certification process. Certification reports C04 and C05 were not affected. Hospitals are encouraged to review the corrected files. If a hospital chooses to change how it certified **4th quarter data** (e.g., Certify without comments, Certify with comments), the deadline for re-certifying the 4th quarter data is December 1. If a hospital wishes to change a certification comment, it must be sent to System13 by the **December 1st** deadline.

The deadline for certifying **1st quarter 2008** has been extended to **January 2, 2009** and the deadline for corrections at time of certification has been extended to November 15, 2008. Hospitals having already submitted a certification letter for 1q08 do not need to submit another one unless there is a change in how it is certifying.

Questions may be directed to the THCIC Helpdesk at 888-308-4953.

FREE Public Use Data File (PUDF)

The 1999 – 2001 PUDF have been posted on the THCIC web site for free download to the public. The files may be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Hospitals/HospitalData.shtm>.

4q07 PUDF Release Delayed

Due to the extended certification for the 4q07 data, THCIC will not be releasing the 4q07 Public Use Data File (PUDF) in December as currently scheduled. The release will be delayed by 30 days and scheduled for January 2009.

Hospital Discharge Data Submission, Correction and Certification Training Session (For Hospitals)

Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC) is offering on-line training. The requirements to receive this training on-line are a phone line and a computer with high speed Internet access. We are encouraging those who have access to a high speed Internet enabled computer to take advantage of the training on-line.

If you are interested in receiving the training on-line, please e-mail your sign up information to tiffany.overton@dshs.state.tx.us

If your establishment cannot participate in on-line training, please contact Tiffany Overton by e-mail or call (512) 458-7111 ext.2352.

The on-line training schedule is as follows:

- November 14
- December 12
- January 9, 2009
- February 6, 2009
- March 6, 2009

The times will be as follows:

9:00 AM	Upload and Download of Data Secured Server
10:00 AM	Data Correction and Data Correction Software
11:00 AM	Data Certification and CertView Software
12:00 PM	KeyClaim Software

Please provide the following information when signing up for training:

THCIC ID _____
 Hospital/Organization _____
 City _____
 Registrant Name _____
 Title _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-mail Address _____

Important Phone Numbers

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

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

System13 web site – www.thcichelp.com

THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953

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Rules and policy issues, 837 format issues

Hospital/ASC reports, data use

Hospital/ASC reports and analysis

Hospital/ASC compliance, research file requests

Hospital/ASC training (submission, correction, and certification)

THCIC fax – 512-458-7740

Key Activity Due Dates by Quarter

Activity	Q4 2007	Q1 2008	Q2 2008	Q3 2008	Q4 2008
Cutoff for initial submission			9-1-08	12-1-08	3-1-09
Cutoff for corrections			11-1-08	2-1-09	5-1-09
Hospitals retrieve certification files		9-1-08	12-1-08	3-1-09	6-1-09
Cutoff for corrections at time of certification		*11-15-08	1-15-09	4-15-09	7-15-09
Final encounters available to hospitals		*12-1-08	2-1-09	5-1-09	8-1-09
Certification letters/comments due	*12-1-08	*1-2-09	3-1-09	6-1-09	9-1-09

*Extended deadline