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Charges for Making Changes During Certification

The charges for correcting hospital data *during certification* changed effective September 1, 2002. Attached is the pricing guide THCIC has negotiated with Commonwealth and options available to hospitals. While we intend the guide to be self-explanatory, please do not hesitate to contact us at 512-482-3312 if you have questions.

Commonwealth will continue the current practice of quoting a cost for the work via a “work order”. Commonwealth must receive approval from THCIC on the work order in order to begin work. As before, this charge will be billed by and is payable directly to Commonwealth.

Pricing Structure for Corrections at Certification Effective September 1, 2002

Effective September 1, 2002, the following charge structure for accomplishing corrections at certification for hospitals will be in effect.

The charge structure is represented in a linear fashion. The following matrix identifies each component in the structure and the associated charge or formula used to develop the charge.

| Component | Description | Charge |
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| Recreate certification files | A base charge will be billed for each “recreation of certification files and reports” ¹ . | \$ 288.75 |
| Assistance with corrections (optional) | If the hospital chooses not to submit corrections through THIN using standard transactions, the hospital may request assistance from Commonwealth in making corrections. The request may be in writing or verbal. The hospital will receive a written detailed price quote (work order). The hospital must approve the work order before work can commence. | Formula: \$ 79.01 * Hrs ² |

¹ “Recreation of certification files and reports” is defined as: all activities required for receiving corrections submitted through THIN in standard UB transaction format, processing through the Edits subsystem, recreating certification files and reports, and distributing the files into the hospital’s mailbox.

² Hrs – Number of person hours required to perform the tasks comprising this request.

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| <p>Distribution media</p> | <p>The charge for the distribution of the certification files depends on the media. Charges for distribution are as follows: In Electronic Mailbox – no charge, On Diskette - \$ 6.30 On CD - \$ 31.50</p> <p>NOTE: The media to be used is maintained by THCIC and can be changed by contacting THCIC.</p> | <p>Free \$ 6.30 \$ 31.50</p> |
| <p>Shipping</p> | <p>For hospitals that receive their data on CD or diskette, the shipping charge of the carrier is passed directly to the hospital.</p> | <p>Pass-thru from shipping carrier</p> |
| <p>Rush order (Optional)</p> | <p>Certification files will be recreated and distributed based on the THCIC schedule. If hospitals want to obtain the certification files sooner than scheduled, they may request a “rush” be placed on processing and the data will be processed and mailed such that the hospital receives the new files within one to three days of acceptance of the rush order.</p> | <p>\$ 220.50</p> |