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New CertView Software for 2004 Data

A new version of CertView is now available. The latest version, CertView v. 2.0, is to be used with first quarter 2004 certification data and beyond. This new version corrects the previous issues with PC incompatibilities and no longer requires any version of Microsoft Access. The installation file is now half the size of the previous, 15 megabytes instead of 32.

The software can be obtained at <http://www.thcichelp.com/Support.htm#Downloads>. You must uninstall any previous version of CertView prior to installing this version. Also, any existing comments must be re-typed after installing the new version.

There is an issue with the new release that is being addressed at this time. CertView Report C07, DRG Mortality Statistics by Practitioner, the “*Total*” values at the bottom of the two columns, Avg LOS and Avg Charges, are not correct. While close, the calculation was incorrectly computed by summing the column and dividing by the total cases. Thus the volume of cases per DRG is not factored in. This will be corrected before the release of the 4th Quarter 2004 Certification data. Notifications will be sent when the correction is available.

Warning Message 816

Also with this version, a new warning message 816 (for SSN discrepancies) has been implemented.

Deadline for corrections at time of certification extended.

In addition, to accommodate the delay with release of the corrected version, the deadline for **corrections at certification** is being moved to **April 30th**. The due date for certification letters and comments remains at **June 1st**.

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2003

The information to be included in the report is now available for hospital review and comment. Comments on the report will be accepted through May 30. The report is scheduled for release in June. Hospitals will be notified of the release date when it has been determined.

Letters were mailed out to all hospital primary contacts on March 25th containing the information needed to access the IQI report. If the primary contact did not receive this letter, they should contact Dee Shaw at dee.shaw@dshs.state.tx.us or 512-458-7111 ext. 3374.

837 Technical Specifications Update

Release #14 of the 837 Technical Specifications is available on the THCIC website. The major change is the correction to the specifications for payer data that has been brought to our attention. The payer data requirements had inadvertently been changed for the subscriber NM1 segment and the payer NM1 segments.

Production Schedule

The hospital discharge data schedule may be downloaded from <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/hospitals/schedule.shtm>.

- 04/01/05 – Release of revised CertView software
- 04/30/05 – Cutoff for submission of corrections during certification.
- 06/01/05 – Certification letters and comments due for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd quarters 2004.

Important Phone Numbers

Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)

THCIC Helpdesk – 888-308-4953 or THCICHelp@comclin.net

CCS web site – www.thcichelp.com (Please note that this is a new Web site for the THCIC help desk.)

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