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1q01 Certification File

The 1q01 certification file will be released to hospitals on October 15, 2001. If you do not receive your file, contact the HelpDesk at 888-308-4953. Certification letters are due to THCIC by January 4, 2002.

CertView Software v.2001c

A new version of the certification software (CertView 2001c) will be released concurrently with distribution of your 1st Quarter 2001 certification files. This new version removed report C12 – match on Other Physician (1), and C13 – Match on Other Physician (2). You can recognize the new software program by its **black** background.

The new CertView will be placed on the THCIC website for downloading. Please contact the Commonwealth HelpDesk at (888) 308-4953 if you have difficulty downloading the software. Hospitals that do not have access to the Internet may request a copy of the software by calling Terry Salazar at 512-482-3322.

Certification File Reports

The certification file contains five reports that present the results of the encounter build process that **cannot** be viewed using the CertView software. The reports are as follow:

1) **Encounter Edit Report** (thxxxxxx_editreport.txt) – Identifies any claims for which the system was unable to build an encounter. These claims should be worked to determine if corrections are required. If claims are not corrected, the hospital's encounter count may not include all encounters for the quarter.

2) **Encounter Warning Summary Report** (thxxxxxx_warningreport.txt) – Identifies possible problems with encounters in the form of warnings. Encounters are built for these claims even though they have warning messages. This report should be reviewed to ensure that the data is accurate or that any necessary comments are provided.

3) **Incomplete Encounters and Deleted Claims Report** (thxxxxxx_widowreport.txt) – Identifies claims that duplicate existing claims, claims that were deleted by submission of a void/cancel claims (xx8), interim admission claims (xx2) for which there are no discharge claims (xx4), or interim discharge claims (xx4) for which no interim admission claims (xx2) were received.

4) **DRG Error Report** (thxxxxxx_drg_rpt.txt) – Identifies claims that could not be grouped during the

assignment of HCFA DRGs and APR DRGs.

5) **Unidentified Physician ID Summary Report** (thxxxxxx_doc_rpt.txt) – Identifies practitioners that could not be identified by name or number. If the identifier is not found for a practitioner in the reference file, an error message will be issued. Beginning with discharges as of October 1, 2001 a warning code will be issued if there is no match on the practitioner name.

The file names that contain the six "x"s (see example above) would contain the six digit THCIC ID number for your hospital. You must go into your Windows Explorer to view and/or print these reports. If you need assistance please call the HelpDesk at 888-308-4953.

New Version of the Corrections Software

A new version of the Corrections Software, 6.1.0, has been released. Hospitals that receive the error file on diskette will receive a copy when the error file is received. For all other hospitals, the software has been downloaded into your electronic mailbox. If you need assitance please call the HelpDesk at 888-308-4953.

2000 PUDF Release

The 2000 Public Use Data File (PUDF) is scheduled for release in November 2001. For hospitals that provided data during a given quarter, the cost of the statewide PUDF will be $500 per quarter (that is, $2000 for a full calendar year). All other purchasers will be charged $1000 per quarter ($4000 per full calendar year) for the

statewide file. [See "PUDF by Region" below.]

Prior to receiving any data, all purchasers must sign a Data User Agreement that stipulates, among other things, that the purchaser: (1) will make sure that all users of the data review the *User Manual* prior to accessing the data; (2) will not duplicate the data for transfer to outside parties; and, (3) understands that use of the data in any way that leads to the identification of a patient or physician can lead to both civil and criminal penalties.

Payment <u>by check</u> must be received before any data can be delivered. A signed Data User Agreement and completed shipping instructions MUST be included at the time of payment. The agreement and shipping instructions can be downloaded from the THCIC Web site (www.thcic.state.tx.us) or by calling Sandra Martin at 512/482-3312 and asking her to fax a copy of the same.

Begin Your Purchasing Process Now

In order to prepare for a more efficient distribution of copies of the PUDF, THCIC is offering a discount for purchasers who send their order form, a signed User's Agreement, <u>and payment</u> by Thursday, **November 15th**. If payment is not received according to the Council's instructions by the close of business on **November 15th**, purchasers will not be entitled to these discounts. [See "Price Chart for PUDF" below.]

PUDF By Region

In order to make the 2000 PUDF available to a wider range of the public, THCIC was granted authority to break down the quarterly PUDF by regions for purchase at a fraction of the original price. THCIC has

divided the PUDF into 5 regions by county boundaries. The regions are priced at $200 per region per quarter for <u>hospitals that provided data during the corresponding quarter</u> and $400 per region per quarter for <u>all other purchasers</u>. Expedited shipping costs are payable separately.

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PUDF Discharge Status Codes

Additional patient discharge status codes are recognized in the 2000 Public Use Data File.

Beginning with the calendar year 2000 PUDF, the following patient discharge status codes will be included as recognized codes:
40 – Expired at home (hospice claims only)
41 – Expired in medical facility (hospice claims only)
42 – Expired, place unknown
61 - Discharged to Medicare approved swing bed.

These codes will be included in the User Manual for the 2000 PUDF. Invalid codes will continue to be replaced by ** in the PUDF.

Upcoming Meetings or Training

- Consumer Education TAC meeting – 10/15/01
- Quality Methods TAC and Consumer Education TAC (joint) meeting – 10/22/01

Agendas for all Technical Advisory Committee, Committee, and Council meetings are posted on the THCIC web site and the Texas Register seven days prior to the meeting date.

Reminders and Deadlines

- 10/15/01 - Hospitals retrieve (receive) 1q01 certification file
- 11/13/01 – Last day to submit changes to 1q01 certification file
- 11/26/01 – Last day to submit corrections to 2q01 submissions
- 12/1/01 – Last day to submit 3q01 data
- 1/4/02 - 1q01 certification letters due to THCIC

Questions?
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PUDF Price Chart

Data File	Participating Hospitals	All Others
2000 PUDF Statewide Data	$2000/yr $500/qtr Pay before November 15, 2001 for 20% discount ($1600)	$4000/yr $1000/qtr Pay before November 15, 2001 for 20% discount ($3200)
2000 PUDF Regional Data	$200/qtr/region $800/yr/region	$400/qtr/region $1600/yr/region
Overnight Shipping	$15	$15
Certified Mail	No charge	No charge

Region 1

Andrews	Deaf Smith	Kent	Reagan
Armstrong	Dickens	Kimble	Reeves
Bailey	Donley	King	Roberts
Borden	Eastland	Knox	Runnels
Brewster	Ector	Lamb	Schleicher
Briscoe	El Paso	Lipscomb	Scurry
Brown	Fisher	Loving	Shackelford
Callahan	Floyd	Lubbock	Sherman
Carson	Gaines	Lynn	Stephens
Castro	Garza	Martin	Sterling
Childress	Glasscock	Mason	Stonewall
Cochran	Gray	McCulloch	Sutton
Coke	Hale	Menard	Swisher
Coleman	Hall	Midland	Taylor
Collingsworth	Hansford	Mitchell	Terrell
Comanche	Hartley	Moore	Terry
Concho	Haskell	Motley	Throckmorton
Cottle	Hemphill	Nolan	Tom Green
Crane	Hockley	Ochiltree	Upton
Crockett	Howard	Oldham	Ward
Crosby	Hudspeth	Parmer	Wheeler
Culberson	Hutchinson	Pecos	Winkler
Dallam	Irion	Potter	Yoakum
Dawson	Jeff Davis	Presidio	
	Jones	Randall	

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Region 2

Anderson	Ellis	Johnson	Smith
Archer	Erath	Kaufman	Somervell
Baylor	Fannin	Lamar	Tarrant
Bowie	Foard	Marion	Titus
Camp	Franklin	Montague	Upshur
Cass	Grayson	Morris	Van Zandt
Cherokee	Gregg	Navarro	Wichita
Clay	Hardeman	Palo Pinto	Wilbarger
Collin	Harrison	Panola	Wise
Cooke	Henderson	Parker	Wood
Dallas	Hood	Rains	Young
Delta	Hopkins	Red River	
Denton	Hunt	Rockwall	
	Jack	Rusk	

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Region 3

Bastrop	Bosque	Caldwell	Freestone
Bell	Brazos	Coryell	Grimes
Blanco	Burleson	Falls	Hamilton
	Burnet	Fayette	Hays

Hill	Travis	Hardin	Sabine
Lampasas	Washington	Harris	San Augustine
Lee	Williamson	Houston	San Jacinto
Leon		Jasper	Shelby
Limestone	**Region 4**	Jefferson	Trinity
Llano	Angelina	Liberty	Tyler
Madison	Austin	Matagorda	Walker
McLennan	Brazoria	Montgomery	Waller
Milam	Chambers	Nacogdoches	Wharton
Mills	Colorado	Newton	
Robertson	Fort Bend	Orange	
San Saba	Galveston	Polk	

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Region 5	Duval	Kendall	Real
Aransas	Edwards	Kenedy	Refugio
Atascosa	Frio	Kerr	San Patricio
Bandera	Gillespie	Kinney	Starr
Bee	Goliad	Kleberg	Uvalde
Bexar	Gonzales	La Salle	Val Verde
Brooks	Guadalupe	Lavaca	Victoria
Calhoun	Hidalgo	Live Oak	Webb
Cameron	Jackson	Maverick	Willacy
Comal	Jim Hogg	McMullen	Wilson
Dewitt	Jim Wells	Medina	Zapata
Dimmit	Karnes	Nueces	Zavala