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Possible Delay of HIPAA Implementation
Information

Senate Bill 836 (S.836) was introduced in Congress on May 7, 2001. The bill proposes to delay the implementation dates for several, but not all, HIPAA rules. Keep your eyes open, but don't count your chickens before they hatch.

The actual bill can be downloaded from: http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c107:S.836.IS:

New Release of CertView
Information/Operational

A problem with the new version of CertView, 2001a, for viewing the 2nd quarter 2000 certification files, has been detected with the physician reports "C08 and C10", which was mixing information between "attending" and "operating" physicians. Commonwealth has made the adjustments and a corrected version, 2001a(1), may be downloaded from the THCIC web site at: http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/Reporting_Requirements.htm#DataCorrectionCertification

Facilities not having Internet access should contact Terry Salazar at Terry.Salazar@thcic.state.tx.us or 512-482-3322 to receive a copy by mail.

Creative Comments
Information/Operational

If the document produced by the CertView software that includes a "header" section that identifying the hospital is changed by a submitter, it causes the comments to be rejected at Commonwealth. Commonwealth made adjustments to address this problem in the CertView v.2001a; however, some hospitals continue to create comments for 2q00 using an older CertView version. Please use version 2001a or 2001a(1) for creating 2q00 comments.

Another area of concern is the Certification Letter. Some hospitals are submitting the letter certifying the incorrect quarter and year. This can be avoided if the correct version of CertView is used with the correct certification file.

Please insure that the person(s) responsible for creating certification comments and letters is made aware of these issues.

THCIC Training for Hospital Data Submission, Correction, and Certification

June 5, 2001   9:00a – 4:00p   Travis Building, Room 1-104
Cost: No Charge   1701 N. Congress
                                                               Austin

Please contact Sandra Martin at 512-482-3312 to register.

Upcoming Meetings or Training

- **HIS TAC meeting**: May 24, 2001
- **THCIC Hospital Training**: June 5, 2001 in Austin
- **CE TAC meeting**: June 6, 2001
- **QM TAC meeting**: June 18, 2001
- **Council meeting (tentative)**: June 29, 2001

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

- **All claims submitted with discharges after April 2, 2001 must be in version 6.0**
- CCS to return regenerated certification file to facilities that made changes: May 25, 2001
- 1q01 submission of claims due: June 1, 2001
- Distribution of 3q00 certification file: June 1, 2001
- 2q00 Certification letters due to THCIC and comments to CCS: June 8, 2001
- Last day to submit 4q00 corrections: June 29, 2001
- Last day to submit changes to the 3q00 certification file: July 10, 2001

Questions?
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