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90 day Review of HCUP-II Inpatient Quality Indicators Rescinded

In the June 3, 2002 newsletter, Vol 5 Num 7, THCIC announced a decision by the THCIC Executive Committee to allow a 90 day hospital review/comment period for the initial release of the HCUP II report. This decision for a 30 day extension on the review period was overturned at the June 21, 2002 THCIC Council meeting. Therefore, hospitals will have a 60 day review and comment period once THCIC releases the report to hospitals sometime in early July.

New Codes Effective For January 2002 Data

Additional code values are being accepted for two data elements; admission type and revenue code. The code value 5, Trauma Center, has been added to the list of valid Type of Admission codes.

The revenue code series 210X was added to the list of valid revenue codes. These codes represent alternative therapies. The code values are as follows:

- 2100 – General Classification
- 2101 – Acupuncture
- 2102 – Accupressure
- 2103 – Massage
- 2104 – Reflexology
- 2105 – Biofeedback
- 2106 – Hypnosis
- 2109 – Other Alternative Therapy Services

These code values are reflected in the April 26, 2002 update of the Hospital Discharge Data Collection, Hospital Procedures and Technical Specifications Manual.
(http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/Reporting_Requirements.htm#WhattoReport)

THCIC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Vacancies

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in taking part in the decision process for State reporting requirements for hospitals and HMOs? THCIC has two TACs that have vacancies: the **Health Information System (HIS)** TAC (one vacancy) and the **Provider Quality**

(PQ) TAC (2 practicing physician vacancies). Although TAC members are not reimbursed for expenses, members are permitted to attend meetings via teleconference at THCIC's expense. Information on all THCIC TACS may be found at http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/Technical_Advisory_Committees.htm. Interested persons should download the TAC application located at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/TACvacancies.htm> or contact Dee Shaw at 512-482-3318 for more information.

Save Now On The 2nd Quarter 2001 PUDF

THCIC will release the statewide 2nd quarter 2001 (2q01) Public Use Data File (PUDF) at the end of June 2002. In addition to the file being available in a "fixed" format, the 2nd quarter 2001 PUDF will also be available in a "tab delimited" format.

THCIC is offering a discounted price of \$400 for participating hospitals and \$800 for all other purchasers (plus shipping) if payment is received by August 1, 2002. Purchasers must submit an order form, a signed User's Agreement, and payment by August 1, 2002 to receive the discounted rate for the statewide PUDF.

THCIC also has the statewide 2q01 PUDF available by **regions** in order to make the cost more affordable to hospitals, businesses, and the individual consumer. To view the list of regions, go to <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/RegionalFiles.htm>. The cost for each 2q01 regional PUDF is \$200 for participating hospitals and \$400 for all other purchasers (plus shipping).

The PUDF order form is available at <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/DataRequestForm.htm> or by calling Sandra Martin at 512-482-3312.

Reminders and Deadlines

The complete hospital discharge data schedule may be downloaded from <http://www.thcic.state.tx.us/hospitals/schedule/schedule.htm>

- 7/15/02 – Last day to submit changes to 4q01 certification file
- 8/1/02 – Last day to submit changes/corrections (without a fee) to 1q02
- 9/1/02 – 4q01 certification letters due to THCIC, comments to CCS
- 9/1/02 – Last day to submit claims for 2q02

Questions?

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