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Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2003 to be Released

THCIC will release the annual report on Texas hospitals on September 13, 2005. The report is based on methodology developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). The indicators include three distinct types of measures:

Volume measures examine the volume of inpatient procedures for which a link has been demonstrated between the number of procedures performed and outcomes.
Mortality measures examine outcomes following procedures and for common medical conditions.
Utilization measures examine procedures for which questions have been raised about appropriate use.

The report includes a searchable database of the 2003 hospital performance. The Department of State Health Services will issue a press release on the availability of the report.

Hospital Discharge Data Submission, Correction, and Certification Training Session

Friday, September 23, 2005 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, THCIC will host a training session to cover the following:

>   Upload and Download of data files (e.g., HyperTerminal and Secured Server)
>   Submission procedures (e.g., KeyClaim Software)
>   Correction procedures (e.g., Data Correction Software)
>   Certification procedures (e.g., CertView Software)

THCIC has a new data transfer process – a protected Secured Server website. This process allows you to upload and download data from your computer via a secured connection website to your THCIC Submitter Mailbox or to your THCIC Provider Mailbox.

The session will be in Austin at the Department of State Health Services, 1100 W. 49th Street, T-607 (Tower Building). If you plan to attend please contact Bruce Burns, D.C. at bruce.burns@dshs.state.tx.us, provide the following information about yourself and your facility.

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Hospital/Organization _____
City   _____
Registrant Name   _____
Title   _____
Phone Number   _____
E-mail Address   _____

If you do not have E-mail you can call (512) 458-7111 x 6431 (press "1" before you dial the extension #).

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.)
>   HyperTerminal Phone Number – (434) 297-0367 (For Data Submission, Corrections and Uploading Certification Comments)
>   FTP address – ftp.comclin.com

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Production Schedule

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

- 9/13/05 – Release of *Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2003*
- 9/23/05 – Hospital Training in Austin