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Hospital Data Collection Workgroup Meeting

A meeting of the Hospital Data Collection Workgroup has been scheduled for January 17 at 10:00. The meeting will focus on the Present on Admission (POA) indicators that are expected to be required for secondary diagnoses for Medicare claims starting October 1, 2007. The legislative initiative for revisions to Chapter 108 of the Health and Safety Code that are to be forwarded to the legislature by the Department of State Health Services will also be reviewed. If either of these topics is of interest please plan to have a representative attend the meeting. Please contact staff for information on the meeting.

Present On Admission (POA)

CMS has adopted the final rule relating to the collection of Present on Admission (POA) indicators published in the *Federal Register* on August 18, 2006 and available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/QuarterlyProviderUpdates/Downloads/CMS1488F.pdf>. Comments received on the rule can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AcuteInpatientPPS/downloads/cms1488f.pdf>. Additional information is available from CMS in the August 1, 2006 press release at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=1923>. CMS must implement the POA indicator reporting by October 1, 2007.

The POA indicators can identify potentially preventable conditions. The *Federal Register* states, on page-48052, "Section 5001(c) of Pub. L. 109-171 requires the Secretary to identify, by October 1, 2007, at least two conditions that are (a) high cost or high volume or both, (b) result in the assignment of a case to a DRG that has a higher payment when present as a secondary diagnosis, and (c) could reasonably have been prevented through the application of evidence-based guidelines. For discharges occurring on or after October 1, 2008, hospitals would not receive additional payment for cases in which one of the selected conditions was not present on admission. That is, the case would be paid as though the secondary diagnosis was not present. Section 5001(c) provides that we can revise the list of conditions from time to time, as long as it contains at least two conditions. Section 5001(c) also requires hospitals to submit the secondary diagnoses that are present at admission when reporting payment information for discharges on or after October 1, 2007. In the FY 2007 IPPS proposed rule (71 FR 24100), we sought input about which conditions and which evidence-based guidelines should be selected."

The National Uniform Billing Committee passed and published in the UB-04 Manual the following POA indicator codes:

<u>Codes</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
Y	Yes
N	No
U	No information in the Record
W	Clinically Undetermined
(Unreported/Not Used)	Exempt from POA reporting

CMS has been in contact with American National Standards Institutes, Accredited Standards Committee X12N, (ANSI ASC X12N) Standards Data Organization and the POA codes should be placed in the K3 segment as a fixed length segment (Details to be specified soon). The codes will continue being reported in the K3 segment until the next Congressional Amendment to HIPAA to changing the version of the ANSI 837 Institutional Guide to 5010 (Expected, not confirmed until it is published in the Federal Register). The 5010 version requires the POA to be located in Loop 2300 HIxx-9 data elements (xx = 01 to 12 and repeated for the following 13th through 24th secondary diagnosis codes).

Additional Information regarding POA

Thomas Valuck, MD of CMS presented information at the National Association of Health Data Organizations relating to this topic and a link is provided to his presentation.

<http://www.nahdo.org/documents/21stmeeting/TuesdayAMPlenary-ThomasValuck.pdf>

CMS Press Release

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/release.asp?Counter=1834>

NATIONAL PROVIDER IDENTIFIER REQUIREMENTS

HIPAA/CMS is requires that providers begin submitting their National Provider Identifier (NPI) (hospitals and physicians and health practitioners). Effective May 23, 2007.

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/nationalprovidentstand/Downloads/NPIfinalrule.pdf>

Small health plans are not required to comply with the NPI until May 23, 2008, therefore it would be advisable to continue submitting both the new NPI and the old identifiers for at least one year or until CMS recommends not submitting the old identifiers.

Hospitals - Loops 2010AA, 2010AB, and 2310E (Billing Provider, Pay-to Provider and Service Provider, respectively)

NM108 - XX

NM109 – 10-digit number assigned by National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)

THCIC still requires that the THCIC ID be submitted in the REF02 segment with a “1J” in the REF01 in the same loops as stated above.

Physician/ Health Practitioner – Loops 2310A and 2310B (Attending and Operating, respectively)

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NM108 - XX

NM109 - 10-digit number assigned by National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES)

THCIC still requires that the State License # or UPIN be submitted in the REF02 segment with corresponding qualifying code in the REF01 (0B – State License # or 1G – UPIN).

Hospital Discharge Data Training Session

The next training session for submission, correction, and certification of THCIC data is scheduled for *Friday, January 26, 2007, from 8:45 AM – 12:30 PM.*

The session will be held in Austin at the Department of State Health Services, 1100 W. 49th Street, Room K-100. If you plan to attend please contact Tiffany Overton at Tiffany.Overton@dshs.state.tx.us, 512-458-7111 x 2352, and provide the following information about yourself and your facility.

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You can attend one or all of the training sessions. The PowerPoint presentations will be on the THCIC website

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>. Please print these presentations and bring them with you to the session. The tentative schedule follows:

- 8:45 Upload and Download of Data Using the Secured Server
- 10:15 KeyClaim Software and Data Submission
- 10:45 Data Correction, DCS Software
- 11:30 Data Certification, CertView Software

THCIC Welcomes New Staff

Wang-Shu Lu joined the THCIC staff on January 8, 2007. Dr. Lu has a Ph.D. in statistics and will focus on the analysis of the THCIC data.

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Reminders and Deadlines

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- ❖ 1/15/2007 - Cutoff for corrections of 2q06 certification
- ❖ 1/26/2007 – Hospital Training in Austin
- ❖ 2/1/2007 – Cutoff for corrections of 3q06 data submission
- ❖ 3/1/2007 – 2q06 Certification Letter due to THCIC
- ❖ 3/1/2007 – Hospitals to retrieve 3q06 Certification File
- ❖ 3/1/2007 – 4q06 Data submission due to THCIC



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Texas Hospital Association to Release Texas PricePoint

The Texas Hospital Association (THA) has developed **Texas PricePoint** (<http://www.txpricepoint.org/>), an online tool that includes charge data for all inpatient services and links to quality data, as well as general and contact information on all Texas hospitals. A link to **Texas PricePoint** will be added to THA's web site on the afternoon of **March 27**. A news release will include supporting statements from Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock), both of whom have called for greater transparency in health care. In addition, legislators and other key stakeholders will receive letters inviting them to learn more about this new consumer resource.

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2005

THCIC will release the *2005 Indicators of Inpatient Care* report in June 2007. Hospitals will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the report prior to its release. THCIC will mail out letters to the THCIC hospital primary contact on March 30th, providing each reporting hospital with information allowing access to a restricted website for viewing the data in the report. Only hospitals that reported 2005 data to THCIC will receive access. This site will be available for review beginning April 9, 2007 and ending June 8, 2007. Questions regarding the report may be directed to Wang-Shu Lu at 512-458-7111 ext 6453.

Hospital Discharge Data submission, Correction and Certification Training Session

Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC) is in the process of moving the hospital training online. We're requesting volunteers to help test this new training method. The requirements to receive this training on-line are a phone line and a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) enabled computer.

This new training method will replace some of the training sessions that we have in Austin at the Department of State Health Services. Training sessions for hospitals that do not have DSL Internet access will still be available here at the office in Austin.

We are encouraging those who have access to a DSL enabled computer to take advantage of the training on-line. If you are interested in receiving the training on-line, please contact Tiffany Overton at tiffany.overton@dshs.state.tx.us or call (512) 458-7111 ext 2352.

This new on-line training is scheduled for April 13, 2007. The times will be as follows:

- 9:00 AM Upload and Download of Data Secured Server
- 10:00 AM Data Correction, DCS Software
- 11:00 AM Data Certification, CertView Software
- 12:00 PM KeyClaim Software

The following information is needed when signing up for training:

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Present On Admission (POA)

Congress passed Senate Bill (S. 1932) known as the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 and it required CMS to adopt rules regarding the collection of Present on Admission (POA). CMS has adopted the final rule relating to the collection of Present on Admission (POA) indicators published in the *Federal Register* on August 18, 2006 and available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/QuarterlyProviderUpdates/Downloads/CMS1488F.pdf>. CMS is required to select at least two conditions by October 1, 2007 that are (a) *high cost or high volume or both*, (b) *result in the assignment of a case to a DRG that has a higher payment when present as a secondary diagnosis*, and (c) *could reasonably have been prevented through the application of evidence-based guidelines*. Health care facilities will be required to submit the POA indicators beginning with discharges that occur on or after October 1, 2007.

The National Uniform Billing Committee passed and published in the UB-04 Manual the following POA indicator codes:

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U	No information in the Record
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CMS has not yet published the specifications -on where the POA data element will be located. CMS -is working with the American National Standards Institutes, Accredited Standards

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Committee X12N, (ANSI ASC X12N) Standards Data Organization and the POA codes should be placed in the K3 segment as a fixed length segment. Details will be specified by the standards organizations soon. It is expected that the codes will continue to be reported in the K3 segment until the next Congressional Amendment to HIPAA changes the version of the ANSI 837 Institutional Guide . The 5010 version and later versions require the POA to be located in Loop 2300 HIxx-9 data elements (xx = 01 to 12 and repeated for the following 13th through 24th secondary diagnosis codes).

THCIC is in the process of proposing amendments to the rules, 25 TAC §§421.8 and 421.9, to allow for the collection and release of these data elements . THCIC anticipates that POA indicators for discharges occurring on or after January 1, 2008 will be reported. The Hospital Data Collection Workgroup will meet via conference call on April 5 to advise DSHS on the indicators to be collected and how they will be collected. Please contact THCIC for information on how to participate in the call.

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Reminders and Deadlines

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

- ❖ 3/30/2007 – Mail out IQI information to hospitals
- ❖ 4/13/2007 – Hospital Training



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Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2002-2004

THCIC will release a revised *2002-2004 Indicators of Inpatient Care* report in August 2007. Hospitals will be given the opportunity to review and comment on the report prior to its release.

Hospitals should use the same password issued by THCIC for the 2005 IQI review and unique identifier.

The secured web site will be available for review beginning May 14, 2007 and ending July 13, 2007. Questions regarding the report may be directed to Wang-Shu Lu at 512-458-7111 ext 6453.

*Forgot your unique ID and password? Hospital “primary contacts” may request this information by E-mail only. THCIC **will not** provide this information by phone. Include the hospitals THCIC ID# in the subject area and send a request to dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us

Preventable Hospitalizations, 2005

Preventable Hospitalizations, 2005 will be released on the THCIC website later this month. This is the third report in a series that looks at the inpatient treatment of conditions for which timely and effective use of primary care should reduce the risk of hospitalization. Earlier reports were released for 2001 and 2002.

The 14 measures present data by county of residence for patients discharged in 2005. The measures included in the report are:

- Bacterial Pneumonia
- Dehydration
- Urinary Tract Infection
- Perforated Appendix
- Low Birth Weight
- Angina (without procedures)
- Congestive Heart Failure
- Hypertension (high blood pressure)
- Adult Asthma
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Diabetes Short-Term Complications
- Diabetes Long-Term Complications
- Uncontrolled Diabetes
- Lower-Extremity Amputation Among Patients With Diabetes

Update on Pediatric Quality Indicators

The first report on the quality of pediatric care in Texas hospitals will be available to hospitals for review and comment by the end of May.

The methodology for the Pediatric Quality Indicators used for the report was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Six measures were recommended for public reporting by a children's hospital workgroup. These measures are:

- Accidental Puncture or Laceration
- Decubitus Ulcer
- Iatrogenic Pneumothorax
- Pediatric Heart Surgery Volume
- Pediatric Heart Surgery Mortality
- Postoperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma

The pediatric heart surgery measures were earlier reported in *Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals*. It is expected that the report will be publicly released later in the summer.

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Hospital Discharge Data submission, Correction and Certification Training Session

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If you are interested in receiving the training on-line or if your establishment cannot participate in on-line training, please contact Tiffany Overton at tiffany.overton@dshs.state.tx.us or call (512) 458-7111 ext 2352.

The new on-line training schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Thursday, June 14, 2007
- ❖ Friday, July 14, 2007
- ❖ Friday, September 7, 2007
- ❖ Friday, October 12, 2007
- ❖ Friday, November 16, 2007
- ❖ Friday, December 14, 2007

The times will be as follows:

- 9:00 AM Upload and Download of Data Secured Server
- 10:00 AM Data Correction and Data Correction Software
- 11:00 AM Data Certification and CertView Software
- 12:00 PM KeyClaim Software

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Reminders and Deadlines

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

- ❖ 5/14/2007 – 2002-2004 IQI review/comment period begins
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – 1q07 data due
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – 3q06 certification letters due
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – Hospitals retrieve 4q06 certification file
- ❖ 6/8/2007 – 2005 IQI review/comment period ends



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Pediatric Quality Indicators available for review

The first report on the quality of pediatric care in Texas hospitals is available to hospitals for review and comment. The methodology for the Pediatric Quality Indicators used for the report was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Six measures were recommended for public reporting by a children's hospital workgroup. These measures are:

- Accidental Puncture or Laceration
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The pediatric heart surgery measures were earlier reported in *Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals*. It is expected that the report will be publicly released later in the summer.

Hospitals should use the same password issued by THCIC for the 2005 IQI review and unique identifier.

The secured web site is available for review beginning June 5, 2007 and ending August 3, 2007. Questions regarding the report may be directed to Wang-Shu Lu at 512-458-7111 ext 6453.

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- ❖ 6/1/2007 – 1q07 data due
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – 3q06 certification letters due
- ❖ 6/1/2007 – Hospitals retrieve 4q06 certification file
- ❖ 6/8/2007 – 2005 IQI review/comment period ends



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Changes in Pediatric Quality Indicators

In a meeting with of the pediatric quality advisory group June 20, it was decided to remove one of the indicators, Decubitus Ulcer Rate, from the hospital review of the pediatric indicators currently underway, and replace it with another indicator, Postoperative Wound Dehiscence Rate. The 60-day hospital review of the pediatric indicators will continue until August 30.

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- ❖ 7/15/07 – Cutoff for corrections at time of certification (4q06 certification)
- ❖ 8/1/07 - Cutoff for corrections (1q07 data)
- ❖ 9/1/07 - Cutoff for initial submission (2q07 data)



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- ❖ 7/15/07 – Cutoff for corrections at time of certification (4q06 certification)
- ❖ 8/1/07 - Cutoff for corrections (1q07 data)
- ❖ 9/1/07 - Cutoff for initial submission (2q07 data)



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September 28, 2007

THCIC to begin collecting outpatient data

Senate Bill 1731, passed in the last legislative session, provided funding for THCIC to begin collecting outpatient surgical and radiological procedures from hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and free-standing imaging centers. The program expects to begin collecting this additional data from hospitals in about a year and to expand the data collection to ambulatory surgical centers and free-standing imaging centers. The program expects the outpatient data collection process to be similar to the inpatient data collection process.

THCIC will be mailing out a letter to all Texas hospital and ambulatory surgical center CEO's in the next few weeks requesting a primary contact for the outpatient collection effort. Those primary contacts will be informed of the outpatient collection processes and sent all notifications on any stakeholder meetings.

Timetable for release of the PDI report on children's hospitals

THCIC expects to make the report on children's hospitals available to the hospitals on the secure website for final review by October 5. The report is currently scheduled for public release by October 19. Hospitals will be notified of the release date prior to the public release.

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals to be released

The report, including data for 2002 through 2005, will be released on the THCIC website on Monday, October 1. Hospitals completed their review of the report on July 12.

Collection of Present on Admission (POA) Indicators

THCIC expects to begin collecting Diagnosis Present on Admission indicators from Texas hospitals beginning in 2008. Rules for the submission of this additional data have been proposed by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and are published in the September 7, 2007 *Texas Register* (32 TexReg 6030)

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0907/0907prop.pdf>. The proposed rules require all hospitals to submit the POA indicators for all diagnosis codes for all patients.

Comments on the proposed rules can be submitted until close of business October 8, 2007. After the program's response to the comments, HHSC will approve the rules for final publication. This is expected to occur in early December. The rules will be enforced 90 days after final publication in the *Texas Register*. The Present on Admission indicators are expected to be reported beginning in 2008. The quality of the data collected will be reviewed before the indicators are included in the Public Use Data File or used for public reporting.

After HHSC approval for final publication, the specifications for submission of the Diagnosis Present on Admission indicators will be added to the Technical Specifications Manual.

New report available to hospitals in CertView

When you download your data you will receive a notice to download an updated CertView software program. This new software will contain the new report.

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9/11/07, New Certview software is **REQUIRED** from www.thcichelp.com.

1. Download your quarterly data, save it to your desktop!
2. Uninstall any current version of the CertView software.
3. Download/install Certview v3.0 from www.thcichelp.com.

1st quarter 2007 Certification data will not load into prior versions of the CertView software. This new version includes an automatic unzip utility that looks for the quarterly zip file to be on your desktop.

Beginning with data for first quarter 2007 discharges, now available to hospitals for certification, a new report showing errors in the encounters is included in CertView. This provides both hospitals and THCIC with new information on data quality. It also identifies to hospitals data quality to be improved, as well as topics for additional hospital training.

Hospitals submitting more than 9 diagnosis codes

Data submitted by hospitals for discharges through 2003 was limited to 9 diagnosis codes and 6 procedure codes. The THCIC 837 format, used beginning with discharges in 2004, allows for the submission of up to 25 diagnosis codes and 25 procedure codes for each patient. Our analysis shows that hospitals are well on their way to submitting more than 9 diagnosis codes for their discharges. The following chart shows the progress toward submitting more diagnosis codes:

Year	Quarter	Percentage of hospitals submitting more than 9 DX codes
2004	1	14.35
	2	14.95
	3	15.60
	4	44.59
2005	1	46.35
	2	49.90
	3	52.82
	4	54.29
2006	1	54.28
	2	55.28
	3	57.77 (latest quarter released)

Some hospitals may not yet be able to take advantage of this opportunity because of limitations in their internal systems or the systems of their data submission vendors. Additional diagnosis

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codes will potentially affect the Severity of Illness and Risk of Mortality scores THCIC assigns to each patient record. This in turn can affect the rates THCIC publishes on hospital performance.

Fee increase at CCS

Effective September 1, 2007 Commonwealth Clinical Systems has increased their fees per the contract with THCIC for the following:

- Regenerating certification files, \$352
- Hourly programming charge or additional corrections/changes at certification, \$90

Hospital Discharge Data Submission, Correction and Certification Training Session

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If you are interested in receiving the training on-line, please e-mail your sign up information to tiffany.overton@dshs.state.tx.us

If your establishment cannot participate in on-line training, please contact Tiffany Overton by e-mail or call (512) 458-7111 ext 2352.

The on-line training schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Friday, October 12, 2007
- ❖ Friday, November 16, 2007
- ❖ Friday, December 14, 2007

The times will be as follows:

- 9:00 AM Upload and Download of Data Secured Server
- 10:00 AM Data Correction and Data Correction Software
- 11:00 AM Data Certification and CertView Software
- 12:00 PM KeyClaim Software

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

Release of the 3Q06 PUDF

The 3Q06 Public Use Data File will be mailed out to all pre-purchasers by October 5th.

Important Phone Numbers

Commonwealth Clinical Systems (CCS)

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

CCS web site – www.thcichelp.com

HyperTerminal Phone Number – 434-297-0367 (For Data Submission, Corrections and Uploading Certification Comments)

Secured Web Page – <http://www.thcichelp.com/SecureWeb.htm>

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Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2005

A report on hospitals that provide services to children, *Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2005*, will be released to the public on Thursday, December 13. The information in the report was reviewed by hospitals last summer.

The report is now available to hospitals to prepare for the release. It can be viewed at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/Publications/Hospitals/PDIRReport2005/PDIRReport2005.shtm>. If your hospital is included in the report you are invited to participate in a conference call on Tuesday, December 11, at 3:00 to prepare for the public release. To participate in the call:

Dial 1-888-347-6837
Passcode 9910074

Release of the 4Q06 PUDF

The PUDF for all of 2006 are now available. The 4Q06 Public Use Data File will be mailed out to all pre-purchasers by December 15th.

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The on-line training schedule is as follows:

- ❖ Friday, December 14, 2007
- ❖ Friday, January 11, 2007
- ❖ Friday, February 8, 2008
- ❖ Friday, March 14, 2008

The times will be as follows:

- 9:30 AM Upload and Download of Data Secured Server
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- 11:00 AM Data Certification and CertView Software
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THCIC to begin collecting outpatient data

Senate Bill 1731, passed in the last legislative session, provided funding for THCIC to begin collecting outpatient surgical and radiological procedures from hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and free-standing imaging centers. The program expects to begin collecting this additional data from hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers in about a year. The program expects the outpatient data collection process to be similar to the inpatient data collection process. More information on this process is available on the THCIC website:

www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/.

THCIC has requested a primary contact for the outpatient data collection effort from ambulatory surgery center CEOs. Those facilities that have not yet responded will be contacted again. THCIC will use the current primary contact listed for hospitals for the outpatient data collection effort.

Rules expected to be proposed on outpatient data

Rules are expected to be proposed by the Health and Human Services Commissioner and published in the *Texas Register* in February or early March. The rules as drafted are on the THCIC website at

www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/OutpatientReportingRequirements.shtm.

The rules will be discussed at a January 15 meeting organized by the Texas Ambulatory Surgery Center Society. Additional meetings may be held if necessary.

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