
Texas Health Care Information Collection - THCIC
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Rural Provider Exemption Ends (Hospital/ASC)

During the 2011 82nd First Called Legislative session, Senate Bill 7 repealed Sections 108.002(18), Section 108.0025, and Section 108.009(c), Texas Health and Safety Code, which made provisions for rural providers meeting specific criteria to be exempt from state reporting of Inpatient and Outpatient data collected by the THCIC program. The repeal of these sections becomes effective September 1, 2014.

Rule amendments and new hospital emergency department data rules will be proposed this spring. THCIC anticipates these rules to be adopted this summer. If there are no changes to the proposed amendments or new hospital emergency department rules, rural providers (hospitals and ASCs) that have been approved for exemption from reporting for calendar year 2014 will be required to begin reporting with January 1, 2015 inpatient discharges and/or outpatient (surgical and/or radiological) events. Rural hospitals will also be required to begin reporting all Emergency Department data events occurring on and after January 1, 2015 (see article below on Emergency Department data).

An informational packet was emailed to the assigned THCIC Primary Contact of each Rural Provider approved for 2014 Exemption between November 2013 and January 2014 to assist the rural provider in getting ready for the reporting of data to THCIC.

THCIC also provides Webinar training on data reporting, data correction, and data certification at no cost. See the article below on Webinar Training for more information.

Information on the **Inpatient** collection of data may be found on the THCIC website at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>.

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The THCIC timeline for 3Q2014 data are:

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Provider Reports

Free reports are available on the THCIC website regarding Texas hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.

- Statistical reports
- Who reported and who failed to report
- Free Public Use Data Files (PUDF) downloading of earlier data releases
- Comments made by facilities may be viewed regarding the data it reported

Check out the webpages below to see what information is available to the **PUBLIC**.

Information on provider reporting regarding **Inpatient** data may be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/Inpatientpdf.shtm>.

Statistics on hospital discharges (Number of discharges per quarter by hospital)

- 2012
- 2011

User Manuals (Who reported and who failed to meet the state's reporting requirements)

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Statistics on outpatient events (Number of events per quarter by facility)

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Reporting Status (Who reported and who failed to meet the state's reporting requirements)

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June 2, 2014

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Enter your preferred training Date and Time in the “Subject” line; and the following in the message area:

- THCIC ID Number
- Facility Name
- Participant(s) Name and Title
- E-mail Address
- Phone Number

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Past Newsletters

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Applied Research

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/GeneralInfo/AppliedResearch.shtm>

Quality of Care Reports

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2011

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/IQIRReport/Indicators-of-Inpatient-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2011.shtm>

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Statistical Reports

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Hospitals & ASCs Must Report THCIC Data Separately (Hospital/ASC)

State Licensed hospitals and ASCs are required to report their outpatient data under the individual facility's assigned THCIC ID, which indicates to THCIC where services were provided.

Outpatient services provided at a hospital's location may only be reported to THCIC using the assigned THCIC ID for the hospital.

Outpatient services provided at an ASC's location may only be reported to THCIC using the assigned THCIC ID for the ASC.

Outpatient services provided at an ASC's location may NOT be "grouped together" with a hospital's outpatient services and reported to THCIC under the hospital's THCIC ID. This will cause the over-inflation in the hospital's outpatient services and show that an ASC provided no services, which could result in a penalty for the ASC.

The purpose of the THCIC ID is to determine at what location a patient received services.

THCIC does NOT collect outpatient surgical/radiological data from stand-alone **Clinics**. Hospitals may NOT submit outpatient surgical/radiological services provided by a stand-alone Clinic that is owned or operated by a hospital to THCIC.

Some hospitals might provide billing services for ASCs (and stand-alone Clinics); however, the hospital must be able to separate the outpatient data in order to submit the THCIC data using the appropriate assigned THCIC ID.

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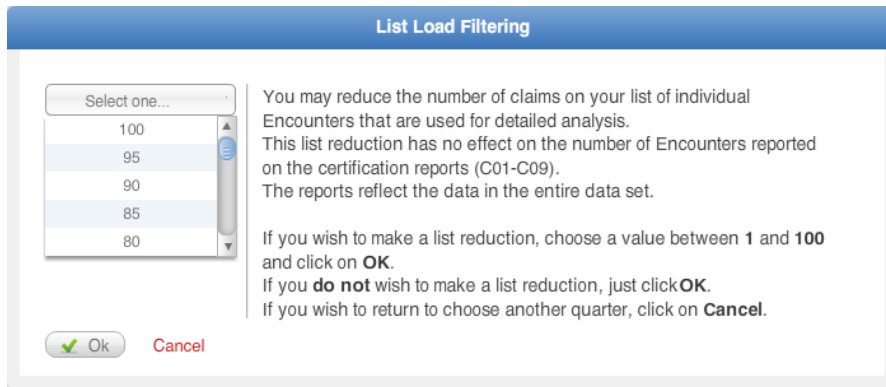
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History

WebCert Update (Hospital/ASC)

Effective Monday, March 24, 2014, modifications were made to WebCert and include:

- Added a filter to allow the user to select a subset of the encounters/events in a certification set to be loaded in the encounter/event view. This will allow facilities with large certification sets to load and view their data within the session timeout constraint. The filter does not affect the reports. All data in the certification set is used in each report.
- Added links to the C08 and C09 reports that allow the report to be subdivided into alphabetic ranges based on the physician last name.
 - When there are less than 5000 encounter/events in a quarterly certification set the C08 and C09 reports are each generated in one report request.
 - When there are 5,000 to 10,000 encounter/events in a quarterly certification set the C08 and C09 reports are subdivided into alphabetic ranges A – K and L – Z. This results in two links per report.
 - When there are greater than 10,000 encounter/events in a quarterly certification set C08 and C09 are subdivided into alphabetic ranges A – E, F – K, L – Q, R – Z. This results in four links per report.
- The outpatient C08 and C09 reports have the following fields removed: Accommodation Charge, Admit Type, Point of Origin, Patient Status, HCFA DRG, and HCFA MDC.
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Reports

2013 3rd Quarter Inpatient

- [C03: Top 30 APR Diagnosis Related Groups](#)
- [C04: Top 30 Principal Diagnoses](#)
- [C05: Top 30 Principal Procedures](#)
- [C06: HCFA Diagnosis Related Groups](#)
- [C07: DRG Mortality Statistics by Practitioner](#)
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2013 2nd Quarter Inpatient

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- [C08: Patients by Attending Practitioner\(A-E\)](#)
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Review of the 2012 Hospital Quality Report Temporarily Postponed (Hospital)

Annually, THCIC releases a quality report on Texas hospitals. By statute, THCIC is required to provide a review and comment period for hospitals covered in the report prior to making it available to the public. The hospital review and comment period began on March 18 for the 2012 Quality Report.

On March 26, 2014 THCIC pulled down the 2012 Quality Report to halt the review and comment period for hospitals. This was due to the discovery of a problem in the methodology used by THCIC to create the 2012 Quality Report.

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Staff had previously been producing the quality indicator reports without using the diagnosis Present On Admission (POA) indicator codes calculation function in the software (an option including in the AHRQ software and methodology). This year staff used AHRQ QI software Version 4.5 for the reports and included POA. The software did not exclude POA exempt facilities (Critical Access Hospitals, Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals, Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitals, Cancer Hospitals, Children's or Pediatric Hospitals, and Long Term Care Hospitals); therefore the state rates and the expected rate calculations (which affect the confidence intervals and significance level determinations) were skewed.

THCIC will rerun the 2012 Quality Report and, in the next few weeks, will send notification to the hospital Provider Primary Contact announcing when the review and comment period will restart.

Only hospitals that reported 2012 Inpatient data will receive notification and information on accessing and reviewing the report prior to its release to the public.

Troubleshooting Electronic Data Files (Submitter)

Some vendor's software, used to create an electronic data file, build the submission file without carriage returns and line feeds. If the facility views the data file in normal software tools (WordPad or Notepad), the data file appears as one continuous string. Notepad wraps it to the screen, WordPad has one continuous line.

In order to view the data file better, you can open the file in Word (not WordPad) and substitute the segment terminator (usually tilde ~) with the segment terminator and ^p (~^p). However, this should only be done to make the file more readable when troubleshooting a problem. If a

file is going to be manually altered, the submitter must use the original file. Word will add internal characters that will cause the file to fail.

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- **Update:** The Emergency Department data collection rules (proposed/draft) were approved by the DSHS Council on February 27 and have been forwarded to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC). THCIC is waiting on approval from HHSC before posting the rules in the *Texas Register*.

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August 1, 2014

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September 1, 2014

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Links to Frequently Used Documents

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No Quarterly Data to Report Form -

[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport\(2\).pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport(2).pdf)

Current Provider Contact List –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilitiesList.xls>

Appendices Document –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/5010-Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Appendices.pdf>

Contains:

- Country Codes
- Default Values
- Race and Ethnicity documents
- Revenue Code Groupings used for Encounter File and PUDF
- Audit IDs and Audit Messages
- Payer Source Coding Guide
- Key Data Elements for matching INPATIENT claims
- Key Data Elements for matching OUTPATIENT claims

Data Reporting Schedule –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>

Inpatient Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>

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Applied Research

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Only hospitals that reported 2012 Inpatient data will receive notification and information on accessing and reviewing the report prior to its release to the public. If your hospital did not receive access information regarding the Quality Report, and wishes to review and comment, please contact Dee Roes by email at dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us

The review and comment period ends on June 6, 2014.

THCIC staff is reworking the 2012 IQI and 2012 PSI reports using the **diagnosis present on admission (POA)** indicators and removing those exempted facilities that are not required to submit POA. Staff will evaluate the reports and determine whether the reports provide additional information for the consumers. If staff determines the reports are useful and beneficial, the reports will be sent out for review and comment to the affected facilities and eventually published. The reports using the POA are theoretically more representative of the quality of care and more applicable to the PSI report.

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Change of Passwords

System13 puts a top priority on protecting private information.

With news breaking on Monday, April 7th that the Heartbleed bug causes a vulnerability in the OpenSSL cryptographic library, which is used by roughly two-thirds of all websites on the internet, System13 wants to issue and update on how this bug may have impacted our services and clarify the actions we are taking to protect our customers data.

We have no reason to believe any accounts were compromised or any personal information accessed by unauthorized personnel. While the website was using a vulnerable version of this software, our servers were immediately patched with the most recent releases from RedHat Enterprise Linux. Additionally, key infrastructure elements such as firewalls obtained the most recent updates to address this issue.

As a final step in the process of guaranteeing our client's data security, System13 is forcing a password change for all provider and submitter logins beginning Monday, April 28, 2014, if the password had not already been changed since April 10, 2014.

If assistance is needed for resetting your password, please contact the System13 helpdesk at 888-308-4953.

Implementation for ICD-10 Delayed (Hospital)

The October 1, 2014, implementation of International Classification of Diseases, 10th revision (ICD-10) has been delayed with the signing of H.R. 4302 into law.

THCIC will delay the ICD-10 implementation at this time until further notice.

Emergency Department Data Collection (Hospital)

- **Update:** The Emergency Department data collection rules were approved by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on April 14th and are anticipated to be posted in the *Texas Register* on May 2nd for public comment.

During the 83rd Regular Legislative session (2013), Senate Bill 1 Article II, Department of State Health Services Rider 93, provided funding and instructions for the THCIC program to collect and report on all Emergency Department events from **Texas hospitals**. Prior to the collection of Emergency Department events, THCIC must first draft and implement the rules and guidelines. THCIC will keep Texas hospitals updated on this collection effort as more information becomes available.

The current proposed draft of the rules will require all Texas hospitals (federal hospitals may voluntarily report) to report Emergency Department data which we anticipate beginning with January 1, 2015 services.

Rural Provider Exemption (Hospital/ASC)

- **Update:** Amendments to data collection rules regarding rural providers were approved by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) on April 14th and are anticipated to be posted in the *Texas Register* on May 2nd for public comment.

During the 2011 82nd First Called Legislative session, Senate Bill 7 repealed Sections 108.002(18), Section 108.0025, and Section 108.009(c), Texas Health and Safety Code, which made provisions for rural providers meeting specific criteria to be exempt from state reporting of Inpatient and Outpatient data collected by the THCIC program. The repeal of these sections becomes effective September 1, 2014.

Rule amendments will be proposed this spring. THCIC anticipates these rules to be adopted this summer. If there are no changes to the proposed amendments or new hospital emergency department rules, rural providers (hospitals and ASCs) that have been approved for exemption from reporting for calendar year 2014 will be required to begin reporting with January 1, 2015 inpatient discharges and/or outpatient (surgical and/or radiological) events. Rural hospitals will also be required to begin reporting all Emergency Department data events occurring on and after January 1, 2015 (see article above on Emergency Department data).

CHS to Post MONAHRQ on Website

The Center for Health Statistics (CHS) is in the process of finalizing a web-based query tool that was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality <http://monahrq.ahrq.gov/>. This web-based data tool is used by other states for public access: Arizona, Arkansas, Hawaii, Kentucky, Maine, Nevada, Oklahoma, Utah, Virginia and Washington (links to those sites can be seen from http://monahrq.ahrq.gov/monahrq_websites.shtml).

The MONAHRQ[®] tool analyzes, summarizes, and presents information in a format ready for use by consumers and other decision makers on: Quality of care (at the hospital level), Health care utilization (at the hospital level), Preventable hospitalizations (at the area level), and Rates of conditions and procedures (at the area level) and Estimated costs and cost-savings related to the quality of care.

CHS anticipates the availability of the MONAHRQ[®] query tool on the CHS website in June 2014.

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May 1, 2014

4q2013 data correction period ends

August 1, 2014

1q2014 data correction period ends

June 2, 2014

3q2013 data certification due

4q2013 begin certification data review

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CHS Releases MONAHRQ

The Center for Health Statistics (CHS) released a **TEXAS** web-based query tool, (the MONAHRQ[®]), in July 2014 that was developed by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

The MONAHRQ[®] tool analyzes, summarizes, and presents healthcare information in a format ready for use by consumers and other decision makers regarding:
Hospital level- quality of care and health care utilization;
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Find the **Texas** data at

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Rules regarding the collection of ED data have been approved for publishing in the *Texas Register*, by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and are expected to be posted in the *Texas Register* by October 1, 2015. (Staff anticipate the rules will be published in the September 19th Edition of the *Texas Register*.)

Rural Provider Reporting (Hospital/ASC)

Rural hospitals and rural ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) that were approved for exemption by THCIC for the 2014 data reporting period will be required to report the data starting with the 1st Quarter of 2015 (1q2015) services, which is scheduled to begin on January 1, 2015. This is in response to Senate Bill (SB) 7 (82nd First Called) Section 7.07(b) and the rules are scheduled to be adopted and published in the September 19th Edition of the *Texas Register*.

Hospitals will be required to report all Inpatient Discharge data, select invasive surgical and radiological/imaging procedures (see [required revenue codes](#) or [procedure codes associated with required service and procedure codes](#)) in the Outpatient data, and Emergency Department data.

The **ASCs** will only be required to report invasive surgical and radiological/imaging [required revenue codes](#) (if using the 837 Institutional format) or [procedure codes associated with required service and procedure codes](#) (if using 837 Professional format) for the Outpatient data.

The THCIC recommends attending our training sessions prior to January 1, 2015, to learn more about the data reporting requirements and processes. Information on training is located at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Training.shtm>.

The 1q2015 data, January 1 – March 31 2015 services, must be reported to THCIC no later than June 1, 2015 for state compliance. **Early reporting is encouraged.**

Earlier this year, the THCIC provided each exempted rural facility an informational document outlining the steps to take for getting ready to report the required data. This document was emailed to the THCIC Provider Primary Contact assigned by the facility's Administrator. This documentation, "**Information on Data Reporting**", may be requested again by sending an E-mail to dee.roes@dshs.state.tx.us. Please provide your THCIC/Provider ID in the E-mail request.

Rules regarding the repeal of the rural provider exemption have been approved for publishing in the *Texas Register*, by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, and are expected to be posted in the *Texas Register* by October 1, 2015. (Staff anticipate the rules will be published in the September 19th Edition of the *Texas Register*.)

Sunset Review

2014 was a busy year for THCIC. The 83rd Legislature, House Bill (HB) 1394, directed the Sunset Advisory Commission to examine the mission and purpose of the THCIC program in conjunction with its review of DSHS.

Sunset Advisory Commission representatives worked tirelessly with THCIC staff in effort to improve processes within the THCIC program area. The results of the Commission's findings revealed "*The State Has a Continuing Need for the Texas Health Care Information Collection Program*". The Commission has directed THCIC to continue to improve and make healthcare information more easily accessible to consumers. This will remain a top priority for the program, which is ultimately to provide consumers access to accurate and reliable healthcare information.

Updates for THCIC Hospital Inpatient Manual (Hospital)

The National Uniform Billing Committee added a New Qualifying Code: "HP", indicating the code would be a Health Insurance Prospective Payment System (HIPPS) Skilled Nursing Facility Rate Code. This qualifying code is used in the following charges segment, "SV2" - Institutional Service" located on Page # 142 of the THCIC Hospital Discharge Data Collection 5010 THCIC 837 Technical Specifications Manual, Version 9. Version 9 will be released shortly.

The following note will be added to the Version 9 THCIC Hospital Discharge Data Collection 5010 THCIC 837 Technical Specifications Manual, and Version 10 of the of the THCIC Data Collection 5010 Outpatient THCIC 837 Technical Specifications Manual.

Note: We have added the phrase in all section(s) of HI - Health Care Information ICD-9 diagnosis codes and ICD-9 procedure Codes. "THCIC anticipates following the federal requirements to transition from ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes to ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes and from ICD-9-CM procedure codes to ICD10-PCS procedure codes by October 1, 2015, or the date that CMS requires the implementation of ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS codes.

Rate Increase for Services at System13 (Hospital/ASC)

Item	Effective 9/1/2014
Charge to providers for data distribution on hard media	\$39.00
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Rate for rush order	\$326.00

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September 2, 2014

4q2013 data certification due
1q2014 begin certification data review
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December 1, 2014

1q2014 data certification due
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November 3, 2014

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The specifications for reporting ED data are included in the THCIC Outpatient 5010 Technical Specifications – Version 10 manual at

http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/Tech_Req_Spec_5010_Ver_10-1-Outpatient_THCIC837-Dec-1-2014.pdf

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Password Reset (Hospital/ASC)

System13 has modified the password reset page providing clearer instruction for submitters and providers when passwords are updated or reset.

Outpatient Institutional Field Name Change (Hospital/ASC)

THCIC has modified the “Other Provider and Operating Physician” data fields to “Physician 1 and Physician 2”.

Providers will see these modifications on data reported in the Outpatient and Emergency Department Institutional formats in WebClaim, WebCorrect, the Frequency of Error Report (FER), and in the C08 and C09 certification reports.

THCIC Document Updates (Hospital/ASC)

- **THCIC Outpatient 5010 Technical Specification** - Version 10.1, including Emergency Department specifications, is available at:
http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/Tech_Req_Spec_5010_Ver_10-1-Outpatient_THCIC837-Dec-1-2014.pdf
- **Outpatient and Emergency Department revenue codes** -
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Legislative Corner (Hospital/ASC)

Pre-filing of bills for the upcoming 84th Texas Legislative session began November 10, 2014. THCIC has started identifying and tracking pre-filed bills that could potentially impact areas of the Center for Health Statistics. During this time, and throughout the legislative session, THCIC works very closely with various committees, divisions and legislators in effort to assist in providing information to help make informed decisions. The 84th regular session will convene on January 13, 2015.

Patient Safety Indicators 2012 (Hospital)

The Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs) are a set of indicators providing information on potential in hospital complications and adverse events following surgeries, procedures, and childbirth. The PSIs were developed by 3M™.

The PSIs can be used to help hospitals identify potential adverse events that might need further study or investigation; provide the opportunity to assess the incidence of adverse events and in hospital complications using the discharge records; include indicators for complications

occurring in hospital that may represent patient safety events; and, indicators also have area level analogs designed to detect patient safety events on a regional level.

Death Rate among Surgical Inpatients with Serious Treatable Complications

Iatrogenic Pneumothorax Rate

Perioperative Hemorrhage or Hematoma Rate

Postoperative Respiratory Failure Rate

Postoperative Sepsis Rate

Accidental Puncture or Laceration Rate

Detailed Technical Specification for each Patient Safety Indicator and other methodology/calculation information can be found from AHRQ website link:

http://qualityindicators.ahrq.gov/Modules/psi_resources.aspx

AHRQ Updates QI Toolkit to Improve Inpatient Quality and Safety (Hospital)

AHRQ has released an update of the [AHRQ Quality Indicators Toolkit](#), which guides hospitals through the process of using the AHRQ Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQIs) and Patient Safety Indicators (PSIs) to improve the quality and safety of care. The QI Toolkit covers each step in the improvement process in order to support hospitals in setting priorities, establishing plans to improve performance on the QIs, implementing improvement strategies, and sustaining improvements they have achieved.

This update brings the research-based tools in line with recent changes to the IQIs and PSIs as well as the software that supports their use. In addition, the updated QI Toolkit offers six new best practices forms for the PSIs and IQIs (See Tool D.4, [Toolkit Roadmap](#)).

The updates affect the following tools:

- Tool A.1a. Fact Sheet on Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQI)
- Tool A.1b. Fact Sheet on Patient Safety Indicators (PSI)
- Tool B.2a. IQI and PSI Rates Generated by the AHRQ SAS Programs
- Tool B.2b. IQI and PSI Rates Generated by the AHRQ Windows QI Software
- Tool B.3a. Excel® Worksheets for Charts on Data, Trends, and Rates To Populate the PowerPoint® Presentation
- Tool B.3b. PowerPoint® Presentation: The AHRQ Quality Indicators, Results, and Discussion of Data Analysis
- Tool B.4. Documentation and Coding for Patient Safety Indicators
- Tool C.1. Prioritization Matrix
- Tool C.2. Prioritization Matrix Example
- Tool D.3. Examples of Effective PSI Improvement Strategies
- Tool D.4. Selected Best Practices and Suggestions for Improvements

For general information about the QI Toolkit, [click here](#).

To download individual sections of the QI Toolkit from the Toolkit Roadmap, [click here](#).

For AHRQ QIs visit <http://www.qualityindicators.ahrq.gov>

2012 Potentially Preventable Complications (Hospital)

Potentially Preventable Complications (PPCs) are harmful events or negative outcomes that develop after hospital admission and may result from the process of care and treatment rather than from a natural progression of underlying disease and therefore potentially preventable (3M™ Health Information Systems, Potentially Preventable Complications: Definitions Manual V.29). It is an important measurement for quantifying the quality of health care. Public reporting of PPC results in Texas population to address quality of performance is required under Health and Safety Code, Chapter 98.1046 (Senate Bill 7, 82nd First Called).

THCIC has been directed to produce the annual PPC report for the department. The first report uses 2012 hospital inpatient discharge data. The Texas Hospital Inpatient Discharge Research Data File (RDF) 2012, which was collected by THCIC under Chapter 108, Health and Safety Code (HSC), is used to identify PPCs by 3M™ PPC methodology.

To provide statewide as well as hospital specific PPC results in Texas during year 2012, the report will include the PPC stays (PPC stay refers to an inpatient stay that includes one or more PPCs) or counts (PPC count refers to total number of PPCs. The PPC count of one PPC stay may be one or more) by selected patients' characteristics: age, gender, race/ethnicity and expected primary payment source. 3M™'s All Patient Refined Diagnosis-Related Group (APR-DRG) will be used to stratify the PPC statistics to reflect the underlying clinical complexity and the reason for admission of patients having PPCs.

Following the 3M™ PPC methodology, diagnosis present on admission (POA) coding quality also will be examined before PPC assignment and a report of evaluation results will be attached to the PPC report.

The PPC report is under internal review and is expected to be released on the THCIC website (www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic) in the near future and is expected to be part of a CHS Data Query system on the web.

2012 Texas Potentially Preventable Readmissions (Hospital)

The preparation of the Texas Potentially Preventable Readmissions (PPRs) report for 2012 is underway. The analyses are using _____ data collected by the state hospitals and submitted to Department of State Health Services (DSHS) through Texas Health Care Information Collection (THCIC). This report will present information on PPRs in all acute care hospitals in Texas, which are required by law, to submit data to DSHS.

In this report, PPRs are situations in which a patient previously released from hospitalization, returns to the same or a different Texas hospital, as a result of complications from an earlier hospitalization. The PPR methodology uses APR DRGs (3M™) to determine eligibility to PPRs. In order to be counted as a PPR, the return to hospitalization need to occur within a specified time period, and must be "clinically" related to the prior admission.

The report will present information on PPRs in Texas for the period of January 2012 through December 2012 in three readmission intervals (7, 15 and 30 days). In summary, the report will

present statewide aggregate information including the statewide PPR rates, APR DRGs identified with PPRs and their adjusted rates, and patient demographic and clinical characteristics. The report will also provide hospital specific results on PPR risk adjusted rates, hospital performances with respect to admissions with PPRs, total charges and estimated costs for each hospital.

The reporting of PPRs in Texas is required by law, and it was initiated by the 82nd Texas Legislature, on Senate Bill Seven (SB 7) Section 98.1046 of Chapter 98, Health and Safety Code.

The PPR report is under internal review and is expected to be released on the THCIC website (www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic) in the near future.

Upcoming Due Dates (Hospital/ASC)

December 1, 2014

1q2014 data certification due
2q2014 begin certification data review
3q2014 reporting of data due

March 2, 2015

2q2014 data certification due
3q2014 begin certification data review
4q2014 reporting of data due

February 2, 2015

3q2014 data correction period ends

A schedule of ALL due dates may be found at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>.

Training Webinars (Hospital/ASC)

THCIC provides Webinar trainings, at no cost, on the data reporting processes required of all Texas hospital and ambulatory surgery centers. Postings for Webinar dates may be viewed at: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/Training.shtm>

Signing up for training is limitless and refresher training is encouraged.

To attend the Webinar training(s), please send inquiries to: thcichelp@dshs.state.tx.us.

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Past Newsletters

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Numbered-Letters/>

Links to Forms and Documents

Provider Contact Update Form -
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilityInformationRequest.pdf>

No Quarterly Data to Report Form -
[http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport\(2\).pdf](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/NoDataToReport(2).pdf)

Current Provider Contact List –
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/FacilitiesList.xls>

Appendices Document –
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/5010-Inpatient-and-Outpatient-Appendices.pdf>

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Country Codes
Default Values

Race and Ethnicity documents
Revenue Code Groupings used for Encounter File and PUDF
Audit IDs and Audit Messages
Payer Source Coding Guide
Key Data Elements for matching INPATIENT claims
Key Data Elements for matching OUTPATIENT claims

Data Reporting Schedule –

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/THCIC/datareportingschedule.shtm>

Inpatient Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/hospitals/HospitalReportingRequirements.shtm>

Includes:

WebClaim, WebCorrect, and WebCert Presentations
Inpatient Technical Specifications Manual for Electronic Data Reporting

Outpatient and Emergency Department Reporting Requirements -

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/OutpatientReportingRequirements.shtm>

Includes:

WebClaim, WebCorrect, and WebCert Presentations
Outpatient Technical Specifications Manual for Electronic Data Reporting

History of the Texas Health Care Information Collection Program

On September 1, 2003 the legacy state agencies; Texas Health Care Information Council (THCIC), the Texas Department of Health (TDH), the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA), and the Mental Health branch of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation were merged to form the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) in response to the passage of HB 2292 (78th Texas Legislature). All functions of THCIC continue in the Center for Health Statistics within DSHS.

THCIC was created by **Chapter 108** of the Health and Safety Code by the 74th Texas Legislature in 1995.

<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/HS/htm/HS.108.htm>

Rules

Rules that apply to the Texas Health Care Information Collection are found in Chapter 421 of Title 25, Part 1 of the Texas Administrative Code.

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=25&pt=1&ch=421)

Quality of Care Reports

Indicators of Inpatient Care in Texas Hospitals, 2012

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/IQIRReport/Indicators-of-Inpatient-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2012.shtm>

Quality of Children's Care in Texas Hospitals, 2012

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/publications/hospitals/PDIRReport/Quality-of-Children-s-Care-in-Texas-Hospitals-2012.shtm>

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