



THA HIN Newsletter

April 1, 2020

THA HIN News

As we continue with our biannual newsletter, our goal is to keep you updated on any changes to data programs at THA. Please contact Larissa Lee at lee@tha.com if there are specific items related to the data reporting processes that would benefit you to see in the regular publication of the THA HIN News.

The THA HIN staff will continue to send timely correspondence related to any changes that are coming and items that you need to be aware of related to the discharge data submission processes.

Thank you for all you do to keep up with the THA-HIN deadlines to meet state mandated reporting requirements. We hope each of you stay safe during this time.

What's New

Health Plan Identification



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Date: October 11, 2019

To: All hospitals reporting UB-04 patient data to the State

Re: Improvement of data collection for Health Plan Identification
Primary, Secondary and Tertiary fields (FL 51a, 51b, 51c)

Last October you received an email from us following a letter from the TN Department of Health (TDH) requesting a change on the Health Plan Identification (HPID) fields – specifically the primary field, field #168. The TDH wanted to see better data in this field and asked that the field be edited with a fatal error beginning with the Q1-2020

data submissions. Since the notification from the TDH in October 2019, we learned the Federal Registry rescinded the requirement for health plans to maintain their HPID numbers effective December 2019. We had a conversation with the TDH, and they agreed to leave the warning edit on the primary health plan ID field (field #168) at this time. The warning edit, #6204, will not turn into a fatal edit beginning with the Q1-2020 data submissions. We will have further conversation with the TDH over the coming weeks regarding the HPID field edits and will communicate the outcome when it is made available.

Contact Nora Sewell, nsewell@tha.com / 615-401-7426 or Larissa Lee, lee@tha.com / 615-401-7464 if you have questions.

Quick Links:

[RDDS-submit data](#)

[THA-HIN.com](#)

[THA.com](#)

[THA Data Release Policy](#)

Updated 2020 THA Ambulatory Surgery Definition



On March 27, 2020, you received an email providing you with the 2020 THA Ambulatory Surgery Definition update. In general, here are the changes:

Ambulatory Surgery Definition

- 38 CPT codes were added to the general surgery range of 10021-69990
- 52 codes were added, and 21 codes were removed from the HCPCS level II selections
- 16 codes were added to the Category III selections

To view the original email and access the 2020 THA Ambulatory Surgery Definition click [here](#).

Contact Larissa Lee, llee@tha.com / 615-401-7464 if you have questions.

TDH Annual Reporting Method Form



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Date: March 31, 2020
TO: Tennessee Hospital Contact Persons for Hospital Discharge Reporting (Form UB-04)
FROM: Glenn Baker, Manager
Hospital Discharge Data System
RE: **Annual Reminder of UB-04 Data Submission Reporting Method Sheet (PH-3925)**
(NOTE: Dated response requested)

On April 1, 2020, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) emailed all licensed Tennessee Hospitals a letter requesting information on your yearly UB-04 discharge data submissions. The TDH requested each hospital to

submit their annual PH-3925 Reporting Method Form to them via email at Healthcare.Statistics@tn.gov no later than April 30th. If you have not completed this task, you may click [here](#) to get complete details and access the reporting method form.

Improving the Quality of the HIN Data

Your Data. Your Solution.

Currently, the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) allows up to a 2% fatal error rate on inpatient and outpatient data that you submit quarterly. While all facilities meet this threshold each quarter as part of the state rules, the THA HIN strives to continuously improve the quality of your data. We continue to work with hospitals that have high occurrences of fatal errors.

What can you do as a THA HIN member hospital?

Please remember to check your verification, edit summary and edit detail reports in the Remote Discharge Data System (RDDS) with each quarterly submission. If your fatal error rate is not zero, we ask that you identify fatal errors that have the highest occurrence within your facility and seek to improve the overall quality of your data.

If you would like assistance in identifying areas of concern in your quarterly discharge data, please contact Nora Sewell, nsewell@tha.com / 615-401-7426 or Larissa Lee, llee@tha.com / 615-401-7464.

Data Reporting Schedule

Tennessee Hospital Association Health Information Network (THA HIN) members are required to submit inpatient and outpatient discharge claims data on a quarterly basis as per the state law, TCA 68-1-108, set by the TN Department of Health (TDH). Every licensed Tennessee hospital must submit data to the THA HIN Remote Discharge Data System (RDDS) per the following schedule:

Quarter	Time Span	Submission Deadline
Q1	Jan 1 - Mar 31	May 30
Q2	Apr 1 - Jun 30	August 29
Q3	Jul 1 - Sept 30	November 29
Q4	Oct 1 - Dec 31	March 1

If you are unable to meet a submission deadline, you must contact Nora Sewell, nsewell@tha.com or 615-401-7426, **prior** to the deadline. Nora will assist you in requesting an extension approval through the TDH. Approvals are only granted by the TDH, not the THA HIN.

Failure to upload your quarterly discharge data to the RDDS by the submission deadlines outlined above, or failure to seek extension approval will place your facility at risk for penalization through the TDH as defined in the law, TCA 68-1-108.

Hospital Staff Changes

The Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) maintains an internal database of key contacts at each THA member hospital. Among this group of contacts includes two roles important to the THA Health Information Network (HIN), a HIN policy contact (required) and a HIN technical contact (not required but encouraged). It is always important to keep this information updated and accurate. If you have a change in these roles within your hospital, please contact Nora Sewell immediately, nsewell@tha.com or 615-401-7426.

Tennessee Hospital Association Health Information Network Remote Discharge Data System (THA HIN RDDS)

If you have a role change within your facility for the HIN policy contact or the HIN technical contact, Nora will remove the inactive users from the THA HIN RDDS. She will also add the new staff member and educate them in using the THA HIN RDDS. If you have an additional staff member that will be responsible for reviewing and/or submitting your hospitals discharge claims data, you may also request access to THA HIN RDDS by visiting the [RDDS website](#) and choosing the "Request a Password" link at the bottom of the page. This completed request form will alert the THA HIN staff.

Other THA HIN Data Products/Services

THA HIN Custom Databases and Reports

Whether you need all-payer data for the entire state or only a custom report for

your facility or market, we've got you covered. THA HIN members have access to comprehensive inpatient and outpatient (am/surg, ED, observation and diagnostic services) databases priced at multiple levels. For more details, view the [THA HIN Statewide Database Order Form](#) or visit the THA HIN [website](#).

For further information, please contact Larissa Lee, llee@tha.com or 615-401-7464.

THA MarketIQ



THA MarketIQ
Maximize Your Market Intelligence

THA MarketIQ puts comprehensive healthcare market share, trending and utilization data at your fingertips. Designed exclusively for THA members, MarketIQ provides more than 90 report templates that you can customize "on the fly" to analyze both inpatient and outpatient markets. An intuitive Report Wizard guides you through the process, letting you quickly produce ready-to-use reports based on your selections.

If you are a THA HIN member and would like more information on establishing a new user account, please contact Sarah Cooley at scooley@tha.com or call 1-866-284-2446.

ConnectTN – Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) Data



The Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) has expanded its Health Information Network (HIN) to provide an Event Notification Service (ENS) to hospitals across the state. ENS offers the opportunity for hospitals to engage in better overall care coordination, reduce hospital admissions and ensure proper follow-up care is received for their patients.

Per the THA Board of Directors, participation in the THA ADT service, ConnectTN, is a mandatory requirement for THA member hospitals.

For further inquiries, please contact Bryan Metzger, Senior Vice President, Information Services at bmetzger@tha.com or 615-401-7445.



The Tennessee Hospital Association Health Information Network (THA HIN) was formed in 1999 by the THA to assist member hospitals in meeting the state mandated hospital discharge data reporting requirements.

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