



THA HIN Newsletter

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THA HIN News



We hope each of you had a wonderful Holiday season!

As we continue with our new biannual newsletter, our goal is to keep you updated on any changes to data programs here 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!

Best wishes for a successful 2018!

What's New

National Provider Identifier (NPI)



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

November 27, 2017

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

Re: Reporting National Provider Identifier (NPI)

On November 27, 2017 the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) emailed all licensed Tennessee hospitals requiring the use of provider NPIs starting with the submission of Q1-2018 discharge data (due to be submitted to RDDS by May 30, 2018). Provider UPINs will no longer be accepted.

To help you recognize whether your hospital(s) continues to submit UPINs, new warning edits will be applied to your Q4-17 discharge data (due to be submitted to RDDS by March 1, 2018). When you submit your Q4-17 data, please check your edit detail report in RDDS closely for the new warning message numbers 2615, 2726, 5331 and 5421. Again, this will give you the opportunity to identify usage of UPINs within your hospital(s), if any, and give you time to make corrections to your internal processes prior to submitting your Q1-18 discharge data. At that time the warning messages will convert to fatal errors.

For complete details, please visit the UB-04 Correspondence Tab of THA-HIN.com or click [HERE](#).

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

Coming Soon

2018 HDDS Manual

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH), in collaboration with the Tennessee Hospital Association Health Information Network (THA HIN), will soon release the new 2018 Hospital Discharge Data System (HDDS) User Manual. It is in its final review stages with the TDH.

Email notification will be sent to you once the manual is complete and available. You will be able to access the manual via the THA-HIN website. If you are a registered user for THA RDDS, you also will have access to the manual upon logging into the RDDS website.

Watch for the email notification over the coming weeks.

Data Submission Schedule

THA HIN members are required to submit inpatient and outpatient discharges 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 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 (coming soon)

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.

Data Submission Tips

When data are submitted each quarter, there are certain thresholds that must be met. These thresholds include, but are not limited to, a less than 2% fatal error rate for inpatient and/or outpatient data. While there are many other attributes about your data that you must review, the RDDS provides a quarterly verification report to complete this review. You can access this report along with your edit summary and edit detail reports by logging into your account on RDDS. You should review, in detail, pages 1-5 of your verification report to closely check for error rates and reasonable and consistent trends in your monthly numbers. For

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Hospital Staff Changes

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

THA Remote Discharge Data System (THA 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 RDDS. She will also add the new staff member and educate them in using THA RDDS. If you have an additional staff member that will be responsible for reviewing and/or submitting your hospitals discharge data, you may also request access to THA 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, 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 1-866-2446.

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Newsletters will be placed on THA-HIN.com under the "Newsletters" tab.

ConnectTN – Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) Data



THA is expanding its 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. Nearly 100 THA member hospitals have already successfully implemented this program.

HOW TO GET STARTED: If your hospital has not successfully completed the onboarding of the THA ADT program, click [HERE](#) to view the ADT Overview information on the connectTN website. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the steps to get started!

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



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

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