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THA HIN Newsletter

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THA HIN News

Welcome to the new biannual THA HIN Newsletter! Our goal with this newsletter is to keep you updated on any changes to the collection of the inpatient and outpatient discharge data and provide you with friendly reminders that we often forget in our busy days. 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 mandate reporting requirements!

What's New

THA-HIN.com



Welcome to the THA Health Information Network
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. Through partnerships with other associations and leading industry vendors, the THA HIN provides members with the products, services, consulting and technical support they need to ensure their facility's efficiency, effectiveness and quality of care.

The THA HIN website received a facelift! While it contains the same information that is valuable to our THA HIN members, the functionality is up-to-date. You can access the new website at the same address, THA-HIN.com.

Coming Soon

2017 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 2017 Hospital Discharge Data System (HDDS) User Manual.



Hospital Discharge Data System
User Manual

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.

Quick Links:

[RDDS-submit data](#)

[THA-HIN.com](#)

[THA.com](#)

[THA Data Release Policy](#)

Watch for the email notification over the coming weeks.

Data Submission

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

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 additional assistance about these important reports, you may contact Nora Sewell, nsewell@tha.com or 615-401-7426.

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.

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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 to 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.

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. Many 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.



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