

THA DataGen

Another Data Product of the Texas Hospital Association



TEXAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

What is THA DataGen?

THA DataGen is the latest data product offered through the Texas Hospital Association. A valuable THA member-only service, this new powerful data analysis tool gives THA member hospitals critical data to assess the impact of proposed Medicare regulations and legislative proposals on their bottom line and hospital operations.

How are the data gathered?

THA joins some 40 other state hospital associations partnering with the Healthcare Association of New York State to provide the analysis. Unlike other Medicare data analysis products which require hospitals to crunch numbers and thereby add an additional administrative burden, THA DataGen relies on information accessible from previously reported data. Hospitals do not have to create any new reports or provide any new information to benefit from the THA DataGen service.

THA DataGen analyses are developed using Medicare cost reports, Med PAR (inpatient Medicare claims database), the Medicare outpatient claims database, impact files from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and wage survey data files.

What analyses does THA DataGen provide?

DataGen provides information-based tools that support the operations, advocacy and educational needs of hospitals, health care systems and networks, and hospital/health care associations. DataGen provides timely financial analyses of major Medicare reimbursement changes and valuable information on Medicare changes that affect hospital and health system operations.

THA member hospitals will receive customized reports showing their hospital's specific analysis. In addition to hospital-level analyses, THA DataGen reports can analyze the impact of proposed and final regulations on hospitals statewide, by hospital sector and by congressional district – making THA DataGen a valuable advocacy tool for communicating on the effects of CMS proposed rules.

Is there a fee to receive THA DataGen reports?

No. THA recognizes the burdensome challenge member hospitals face in understanding and determining how constantly changing Medicare rules and new regulations will impact hospital reimbursement. As a member service, THA is sending its DataGen reports at no cost to THA member hospitals.

What can I expect to receive?

THA DataGen launched in November 2008 with the release of its first report, analyzing the impact of proposed fiscal year 2009 Medicare inpatient PPS changes on hospital operations. Subsequent reports will provide hospitals with numerical and narrative analysis on proposed and final regulations on:

- **Hospital Inpatient PPS;**
- **Hospital Outpatient PPS;**
- **Psychiatric Hospital PPS;**
- **Rehabilitation PPS;**
- **Home Health PPS;**
- **Skilled Nursing Facility PPS;**
- **Long-term Care Hospitals; and**
- **Small and Rural Hospitals.**

How will my hospital receive THA DataGen reports?

THA will send DataGen reports to CEOs/CFOs/hospital-based government relations contacts by e-mail, with "THA DataGen Report Provided" on the subject line. Hospital system information will be shared with system offices. Congressional district information, as well as additional information on the THA DataGen service, is available from **Ernie Schmid, 512/465-1557 or eschmid@tha.org.**