**Technical Update Note about 3rd Quarter Outpatient 2019**

**Public Use Data File (PUDF)**

THCIC identified eighty (80) duplicates Outpatient data records that are in the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data. Furthermore, there were seventy-nine (79) missing records from the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data. Therefore, THCIC reran the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data to remove the duplicates and add the seventy-nine (79) missing records to create a new 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data. THCIC will send you (fixed-length and tab-delimited files):

* A new 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data named “OP\_PUDF\_base3q2019.txt” and a classification file named “OP\_Classification3q2019.txt”;
* A dataset containing only the eighty (80) duplicate records (all data fields from the Base file) removed from the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data named “OP\_PUDF\_base3q2019\_dups.txt” and a classification file for the eighty (80) duplicates records named “OP\_Classification3q2019\_dups.txt”;
* A dataset containing only the seventy-nine (79) missing records (all data fields from the Base file) added to the new 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data named “OP\_PUDF\_base3q2019\_missings.txt” and a classification file for the seventy-nine (79) missing records named “OP\_Classification3q2019\_missings.txt”.

THCIC found that thirty (30) of the eighty (80) duplicates Outpatient data records in the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data are ED Outpatient data. THCIC also found that sixty-one (61) of those seventy-nine (79) missing records from the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data are ED Outpatient data. Therefore, THCIC reran the 3rd quarter ED Outpatient 2019 data to remove the duplicates and add the sixty-one (61) missing records to create a new 3rd quarter ED Outpatient 2019 data. THCIC will send you (fixed-length and tab-delimited files):

* A new 3rd quarter ED Outpatient 2019 data named “ED-OP\_base3q2019.txt” and a classification file named “ED-OP\_classification\_3q2019.txt”;
* A dataset containing only the thirty (30) duplicate records (all data fields from the Base file) removed from the 3rd quarter ED Outpatient 2019 data named “ed\_op\_3q2019\_dups.txt” and a classification file for the thirty (30) duplicate records named “ed-op\_classification\_dups\_3q2019.txt”;
* A dataset containing only the sixty-one (61) missing records (all data fields from the Base file) added to the new 3rd quarter ED Outpatient 2019 data named “ed\_op\_3q2019\_miss.txt” and a classification file for the sixty-one (61) missing records named “ed\_op\_classification\_miss\_3q2019.txt”.

The eighty (80) duplicates Records ID removed from the 3rd quarter Outpatient 2019 data are listed in Table1 of the excel file named “THCIC PUDF 3Q2019 Duplicate Record IDs Addenda”. The thirty (30) duplicates Records ID removed from the 3rd quarter ED Outpatient 2019 data are listed in Table2 of the excel file named “THCIC ED 3Q2019 Duplicates Record IDs Addenda”.

This Technical update note and the excel files will be posted at: <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/thcic/OutpatientFacilities/OutpatientPUDF.shtm>. If you have any questions about this technical note, please let us know at: [THCICHelp@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:THCICHelp@dshs.texas.gov).