

MEMORANDUM

Texas Department of Human Services * Long Term Care/Policy

TO: Long Term Care -Regulatory
Regional Directors, State Office Section Managers and
HCSSA Program Administrators

FROM: Marc Gold, Director
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State Office MC: W-519

SUBJECT: Regional Survey & Certification Letter #01-19

DATE: December 18, 2001

The attached RS&C Letter is being provided to you for information purposes and should be shared with all professional staff.

- RS&C Letter No. 01-19 – **OSCAR RELEASE 2001.2**. Please direct inquiries to Tim Kruse, Program Analyst, Data Management and Analysis, LTC-R at (512) 438-2964.

If you have any questions, please direct inquiries to the individuals or sections listed above.

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Attachment



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Regional Survey and Certification Letter NO: 01-19 (Amended)

To: All State Survey Agencies (Action)
All Title XIX Single State Agencies (Information)

Subject: OSCAR RELEASE 2001.2

We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you that there is an upcoming programming release for the OSCAR/CLIA system, which is scheduled for implementation on December 17. The timetable will appear in the OSCAR News later this week.

Release Implementation Schedule (This is a projected schedule)

Friday, December 14

The OSCAR system will come down at 'close of business' Friday.

Saturday, December 15

The software changes will be implemented.

Monday, December 17 through Friday, December 21

The system will be available to selected users in CO only. This time is needed to ensure that the software changes were installed correctly.

Monday, December 24

The system will be made available to all users.

Note: If the validation process proceeds smoothly, the system will be made available to users sooner than this date.

Here is a synopsis of the changes:

Non-CLIA Changes

1. Revise the ICF/MR ODIE screen N.8.3 to include seven new fields that have been added to the Client Characteristics section of HCFA-3070G. OSCAR Reports 4 (Full Facility Profile) and Report 22 (ICF/MR CLIENT Characteristics) have also been revised to reflect the new fields;

2. Revise the SNF/NF ODIE Screen N.2.2 to include additional information on staggered surveys (performed on or after 10/1/2001) including the start time, AM or PM, and the day of the week.
3. Correct problem to ensure that the appropriate ODIE screens appear for accredited and non-accredited hospitals.

CLIA Changes

4. Streamline CLIA accounting process to allow for the removal of full or partial payments when either misapplied to an account or for insufficient funds;
5. Remove any references to Partial Accreditation (application type 5) from CLIA data screens, lookup values and reports;
6. Automate the reactivation of laboratories that have paid their CLIA fees AFTER they were terminated for nonpayment. This means that the States and Regions will no longer need to run OSCAR Report 88 and manually activate the laboratory records;
7. Revise OSCAR Report 10 to display the number of laboratories, broken out by application type for each State, Region and the nation;
8. Create a new OSCAR report 77 for use by the accreditation organizations to identify any laboratories that were terminated in the CLIA system within six months time;
9. Make laboratory counts for OSCAR Reports 18-20 consistent by reflecting the number of surveyed (application type 1) laboratories;
10. Develop an upload capability with the accreditation organizations to process files containing match verification, specialty and test volume information for accredited laboratories;
11. Revise ODIE specialty screens to accept for ASHI a new subspecialty of ABO and RH Group (510) that is within the specialty of Immunohematology;
12. Revise CLIA edits to prohibit users from entering match verification information for accredited laboratory records that are terminated.

Thank you in advance for your patience while we install and validate this software release.

If you should have any questions, please contact LaDonna Calleia by e-mail (lcalleia@cms.hhs.gov) or 214-767-4417.

Sincerely,

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December 28, 2001

REGIONAL SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER NO: 01-19A (Supplemental)

To: All State Survey Agencies (Action)
All Title XIX Single State Agencies (Information)

Subject: OSCAR RELEASE 2001.2

The validation of the software changes included in OSCAR Release 2001.2 is complete. The OSCAR system is now available to all users for data entry and reporting purposes.

This release consists of a number of changes to CLIA laboratories, SNF/NFs, and ICFs/MR. Outlined below is a brief description of each change:

Non-CLIA Changes:

1. Revised the ICF/MR ODIE screen N.8.3 to include seven new fields that have been added to sections M. Allegation of Abuse and Neglect and N. Number of Deaths of the HCFA-3070G (03/2001 version). OSCAR Reports 4 (Full Facility Profile) and 22 (ICF/MR Client Characteristics) have also been updated to reflect the new fields.

On December 17, Dennis Glover, staff member from the Survey and Certification Group, sent an E-mail to ICF/MR regional staff notifying them of these new fields. Accordingly, all surveys performed after January 1, 2002 must complete the revised HCFA-3070G;

2. Revised the SNF/NF ODIE Screen N.2.2 to include additional information on staggered surveys including the start time, AM or PM, and the day of the week.

In a December 20 letter to the Associate Regional Administrators, regional office staff was advised of the need to collect additional information on off-hour (staggered) surveys. The data fields will be required for SNF/NF surveys completed after January 1, 2002;

3. Corrected a problem related to the entry of validation survey findings for accredited hospitals. The life safety code screens may now be bypassed during entry of validation surveys.

CLIA Changes:

4. Streamlined the CLIA accounting process to allow for the 'backing out' full or partial payments when money is either misapplied to an account or is removed for insufficient funds;
5. Removed any references to Partial Accreditation (application type 5) from CLIA data screens, lookup values and reports. These changes support the CLIA policy on not recognizing partial accreditation as a valid CLIA certificate. The CLIA policy is fully described in a memorandum (dated 11/28/2001) sent to the Associate Regional Administrators;
6. Automated the reactivation of laboratories that have paid their CLIA fees AFTER they were terminated for nonpayment. This means that you and the State agencies no longer need to run OSCAR Report 88 and manually reactivate laboratory records;
7. Revised OSCAR Report 10 to display the number of laboratories, broken out by application type for each State, Region and the nation;
8. Created a new OSCAR report 97 for use by the accreditation organizations to identify any laboratory with a CLIA certificate that was terminated (for any reason) within the past six months. We will encourage the accreditation organizations to follow-up with each laboratory to check on the laboratory's accreditation status;
9. Made laboratory counts for OSCAR Reports 18-20 consistent by reflecting the number of surveyed (application type 1) laboratories by state-region (if any), state, region, and the nation;
10. Developed an upload capability with CAP and COLA to process their files containing match verification, specialty, and test volume information for accredited laboratories;
11. Revised ODIE specialty screens to accept for ASHI-accredited laboratories a new subspecialty of ABO and RH Group (510) that is within the specialty of Immunohematology;
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