

E-mail notice sent to all Hospital Data Reporting Contacts on January 12, 2007

Good afternoon,

The rules under which hospital discharge data is reported to the State are currently under revision. During the last year, the Arizona Department of Health Services has worked cooperatively with the Arizona Hospital Association and a small workgroup of hospital representatives to discuss the reporting requirements. After much hard work by everyone involved, including the ADHS rule-writing team, a draft of the proposed rules is now available for your review. You may access this draft at:

http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/hci.htm Scroll down under the heading “Draft Rules” and select the link next to “1/8/07 Hospital Draft Rules.”

In addition to the proposed rule, we also have drafts of a Reporting Manual and Data Layout Spreadsheet. These documents are available on our website at:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/plan/crr/ddr/hospa1/index.htm> Click on the link “Draft Rule Supporting Documents.”

Please review both the rules and the supporting documents, and share them with anyone in your facility affected by the hospital data reporting or medical record coding processes. If your hospital utilizes the services of a vendor or a corporate office for reporting purposes, please share this information with them as well. Let me know of any questions, comments or concerns you may have. This is your opportunity to be heard. Your input is appreciated and very valuable to us. Thank you for your participation.