

**MEMORANDUM**  
**Texas Department of Human Services**

**TO:** Long Term Care-Regulatory  
Regional Directors and State Office Managers

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**SUBJECT:** Regional Survey & Certification (RS&C) Letter #02-13

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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. 02-13 - OSCAR System Release 2002.2

If you have questions about this subject, please contact Data Management and Analysis at (512) 438-2486.

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**REGIONAL SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER NO. 02-13**

**TO:** All State Survey Agencies (Action)  
All title XIX Single State Agencies (Information)

**SUBJECT:** OSCAR System Release 2002.2

Release 2002.2 for the OSCAR system is installed and the system is now available to all users. Thank you for your patience while we validated the system changes.

Below is a summary of the changes to the ODIE (CLIA and non-CLIA), OSCAR Reports, and the CLIA subsystems. The OSCAR Users' Guides will be revised to reflect these changes and will be forwarded to the OSCAR and CLIA Coordinators next month.

**CLIA Changes**

- Modify the CLIA system to require the State Region field to be present for all laboratory records (active and terminated). For those records that do not have a state region code, a default code of 'LAB' will be generated and displayed on CLIA screen N.1. Refer to OSCAR Option 35.1 for a list of each State's state region codes.
- If Mailing Address is entered, the street address fields are mandatory. Also, street address must be present on second line when 'Attention' or 'Attn' is entered on the first line.
- Made wording of online edits encountered during the status change process more consistent.
- Collect a history of online changes made to the CLIA database when a laboratory changes its certificate status, is reactivated, moves from CLIA exempt to non-exempt (or vice versa), and changes accreditation affiliation. The information displayed is the time of the change and the User ID of the person who made the change. Also displayed is the record's update date and MSA update date. This information should prove helpful if a question arises about changes in a laboratory's record.



- Process a correction to a status change to a laboratory that returned to a Certificate of Compliance 12 months (instead of 6 months) prior to current certificate expiration date. This will allow ample time for the laboratory to pay the compliance, and for the State to schedule and perform the survey.
- For an accredited laboratory affiliated with 2 accreditation organizations (AOs) and one organization has indicated that the laboratory is no longer associated with the AO (presence of accredited remarks code and date), the system will remove any association with the AO that has the Remarks. This weekly cleanup will include switching the CMS-116 specialty association of the remaining AO, if applicable; otherwise the specialty will be removed. The specialty information in ODIE will not be changed.
- Modify automated refund processing to only process refunds that are \$25.00 or greater.

### **ODIE Changes**

- Expand the 670-time field to allow entry of up to 999 hours for the 8am - 6pm fields. This change applies to all provider and supplier categories that enter survey information into ODIE.
- Modify the online ODIE edit on 1539 (Certification and Transmittal) screen to make the Fiscal End Date field mandatory for all provider categories except nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded or laboratories.
- **Allow three types of validation surveys for accredited hospitals to be entered in ODIE. If Type of Action (L8) = 5, then the new field entitled Validation Type will accept concurrent, focused and traditional validation surveys. This field is located on the 1514, Part I screen.**
- Allow entry of validation surveys for ASCs and hospices in ODIE. ODIE will accept Type of Action (L8) = 5 (Validation) for accredited ASCs and hospices.
- Remove edit from HCFA-3070G (Client Characteristics screen) that does not allow the total for Abuse (W68) and Neglect (W69) Investigations to be greater than the Total Residents (W33). These fields will now capture the number of abuse or neglect investigations, instead of the number of clients that were abused or neglected. The total of these two fields cannot exceed 9999.
- Allow CLIA laboratory surveys entered into ODIE and shown as pending or work records to be deleted by regional office and state agency administrators.

### **OSCAR Reports**

- Correct the hospital and deficiency totals for OSCAR Reports 18, 18S, 19 and 20.
- Modify Report 74 (Accredited Laboratory Remarks) to exclude laboratories that are changing from a certificate of accreditation.

- Delete Report 88 (Paid Terminated Laboratories) from the list of OSCAR standard reports. Since the CLIA billing program automatically reactivates the laboratory record and applies the fee payment(s), the regional office or State agency staff no longer need to run this report.
- Modify Report 97 (Terminated Accredited Laboratories) to add selection criteria, which allow the accreditation organizations to include laboratory records with Accredited remarks.

If you have any questions, you may contact LaDonna Calleia at 214-767-4417 ([lcalleia@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:lcalleia@cms.hhs.gov)) or Mary Ann Santana at 214-767-6070 ([msantana@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:msantana@cms.hhs.gov)).

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