



Update
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Status of 3Q05 Data: All profiles and affirmation statements for 3Q05 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery and Emergency Department data have now been issued. Completed affirmation statements are due no later than **Friday, February 24**. Data release is scheduled for the week of **March 6**.

4Q05 Data Submission: Facilities that have not obtained an extension must submit 4Q05 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery and Emergency Department data (and 3Q05 Other Hospital Outpatient data) by **Friday, February 17**.

Data Submitter User Group: The minutes from the most recent meeting (and all previous meetings) are accessible through our Web site at the following address: http://www.whainfocenter.com/dsug_minutes.htm

Data Submitter Survey: Thank you to all who took the time to complete the recent survey. We are currently compiling the results. Your feedback is tremendously valuable as we strive to balance the need to meet our statutory obligations with our desire to make the data submission and editing process as efficient and simple as possible.

Outpatient Data: A friendly reminder – As of January 1, 2007, dates of service, outpatient data must be submitted with CPT procedure codes. No ICD-9 procedure codes will be accepted beginning with 1Q07 outpatient data. About 20 percent of outpatient surgery records are currently being submitted with CPT procedure codes. Hospitals are free to transition to CPT data submission before the deadline.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Feb. 17: Standard deadline to submit 3Q05 Other Hospital Outpatient data and 4Q05 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery and Emergency Department data.

Feb. 24: Affirmation statements due for 3Q05 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery and Emergency Department data.

Mar. 6 Scheduled release (week of Mar. 6) for 3Q05 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery and Emergency Department data sets