



**Update**  
**December 21, 2007**

**3Q07 Data Update:** Thanks to all data submitters who have been diligent in submitting data and correcting edits for 3Q07 inpatient, outpatient surgery and emergency department data -- the first wave of data to be collected on the new Wlpop UB-04 system.

Facilities with approved extensions are reminded that all 3Q07 errors must be corrected by **Wednesday, January 2, 2008**. Data submitters from these facilities are strongly encouraged to contact WHA Information Center to discuss any remaining programming or submission issues. WHA Information Center is required under its contract with the state of Wisconsin to notify the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) if any facilities are delinquent in meeting data submission deadlines. Enforcement of penalties is at DHFS's discretion.

**2007 Data Submitter Training Sessions:** WHA Information Center recently completed a series of five data submitter training sessions, focusing on the Wlpop UB-04 system. Total attendance for the five sessions was 226, with 207 (92 percent) completing evaluations.

As in past years, attendee evaluations were very positive. On a three-point scale, the evaluations came in at **2.72** for program content and **2.84** for speaker knowledge. Thanks to all who attended!

**What's Ahead for 2008:** While 2007 was a year full of changes for data submitters, the results of those changes will begin filtering out into the world of data consumers next year. Many of our planned activities within WHA Information Center focus on data output, including issues related to the National Provider Identifier (NPI), the transition away from the "old" CMS DRGs and to the new MS-DRGs, and the addition of new services on the PricePoint Web site.

**Holiday Wishes:** We are grateful for the partnership we enjoy with data submitters and consumers. It is very rewarding to work with so many people who share our commitment to public reporting and public accountability. Thank you all for another outstanding year!

**We wish you and your loved ones a very happy and safe holiday season.**

A collection of handwritten signatures in black ink. From left to right, the signatures are: a stylized "Ja", "Christine", "Julie", "Brian", "Ashley", "Stannon", and "Beal".