



Update
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2008 Data Submitter Training Sessions: WHA Information Center recently completed a series of four data submitter training sessions. Total attendance for the four sessions was 217, with 132 (61 percent) completing evaluations.

As in past years, attendee evaluations were very positive. On a three-point scale, the evaluations came in at **2.78** for program content and **2.91** for speaker knowledge. Thanks to all who attended!

What's Ahead for 2009: The newest version of PricePoint will be launched in early January. This version of the Web site will include emergency department/urgent care charges. The outpatient surgeries and invasive diagnostic procedures will be categorized by CPT (rather than ICD-9) codes. And the inpatient portion of the Web site will allow users to display a "top 25" report showing a hospital's median charges for the 25 most common reasons for hospitalizations on a single, printer-friendly page.

More information will be provided in a future edition of the *Update*.

Holiday Wishes: We are grateful for the partnership we enjoy with our data submitters and consumers. It is very rewarding to work with so many people who share our commitment to public reporting and public accountability. Wisconsin continues to be a model for innovation and for prompt, accurate and complete hospital data collection, and it is due in large part to the working relationship we share with you. Thank you all for another outstanding year!

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

A collection of seven handwritten signatures in black ink, arranged in two rows. The top row contains four signatures: "Ja", "Glenna", "Lara", and "Ashley". The bottom row contains three signatures: "Julie", "Brian", and "Bob".