



**Update**  
**July 6, 2007**

**Important POA Education Opportunity:** Mark your calendars now for an important conference call for physicians and coders regarding the new “Present on Admission” (POA) indicator.

The POA indicator is intended to serve as a mechanism to identify diagnoses that were present at the time of hospital admission versus those that were not. Collection of these additional codes is required by CMS as of October 1, 2007, discharge dates and by WHA Information Center as of January 1, 2008, discharge dates. Accurate assignment of the POA indicator is dependent on consistent, complete documentation by the physician in the medical record. WHA and the Wisconsin Medical Society are partnering to sponsor a teleconference to bring physicians and coders the information they need to know about the POA. This teleconference is scheduled for **July 24, 2007 from 12:00 noon - 1:15 pm.**

To register on-line, please go to the Wisconsin Medical Society Web site at [www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/physician\\_resources/educational/teleconference\\_table.cfm](http://www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/physician_resources/educational/teleconference_table.cfm)

**Wipop’s UB-04 Revision is Ready for Testing:** Data submitters are reminded that facilities are now able to test data submissions for the new “UB-04 version” of the Wipop data collection system. The latest update to the Wipop data submission manual, including all the requirements of the UB-04 changes that are effective with ***Third-Quarter 2007 data submissions*** – has been posted on the WHAIC Web site at <http://www.whainfocenter.com/wipop.htm>. Now – well before data submissions are due – is the best time to test your facility’s data extract file against the new submission requirements. Please contact Brian Competente ([bcompetente@wha.org](mailto:bcompetente@wha.org)) for username and password information.

**Release of NPI Database Delayed by CMS:** CMS has decided to delay the public release of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) database – originally scheduled for June 29, 2007 -- until August 1. Once the NPI database is made available, WHAIC will review the information and develop procedures to regularly update our look-up tables and apply edits on data submissions. WHAIC will provide more information about our plan to require the NPI as a physician identifier after completing our review of the database in early August.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

**July 24:** POA indicator conference call, noon – 1:15 p.m. (see above).

**July 26:** Data Submitter User Group conference call, 10:00 a.m.