



**Update**  
**August 17, 2007**

**Fall 2007 Data Submitter Training Sessions Scheduled:** Mark your calendars now to attend one of the five half-day WHAIC data submitter training sessions scheduled this fall:

<b>Monday, October 29</b>	Rice Lake Technical College
<b>Tuesday, November 6</b>	Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare - Wauwatosa
<b>Thursday, November 8</b>	WHA headquarters, Fitchburg
<b>Tuesday, November 13</b>	Radisson Paper Valley Hotel, Appleton
<b>Thursday, November 15</b>	WHA headquarters, Fitchburg

Data submitter contacts will receive registration instructions via e-mail in the near future. There is no cost to attend. We hope to see you there!

**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 – is available online 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. Twenty-seven facilities have already begun the testing process. Don't be the last one on your block to try out the UB-04 system. Please contact Brian Competente ([bcompetente@wha.org](mailto:bcompetente@wha.org)) to arrange for a test.

**Release of NPI Database Delayed Yet Again by CMS:** CMS has once again decided to delay the public release of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) database -- originally scheduled for June 29, 2007 -- until approximately September 11. 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. Until WHAIC has access to the NPI database, we cannot validate NPI physician IDs. No NPI physician IDs should be submitted until WHAIC notifies facilities that they can be accepted. Data submitters are free to submit their facility NPIs if they wish. However, they must provide their facility NPIs to WHAIC *prior to* submitting this information to the UB04 system.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

**Sept. 13:** Data Submitter User Group conference call, 10:00 a.m.

**Sept. 14:** Extended deadline for submission of 2Q07 INP, OPS, EDV and OBS data and 1Q07 OHO data.