



Update
January 28, 2005

The Wlpop Era Begins: Facilities were recently notified that the Wlpop system is now able to accept remotely submitted test files. We encourage them to take advantage of the opportunity to test their programming before they submit actual 1Q05 data.

Submission of test files is a great way to ensure that programming changes are accurate and to orient users to the new functionality and edits that are part of the Wlpop system. The testing process will also help WHA Information Center verify that the system is working as intended.

Users will find the look and feel of Wlpop to be very similar to the current system. However, we have made a number of changes that will help users navigate through the system more easily and facilitate the efficient correction of invalid records. Please refer to the Wlpop User Manual on our Web site at <http://www.whainfocenter.com/wlpop.htm> for explanations.

Inpatient Quality Indicators Report Released: WHA Information Center's [2003 Wisconsin Inpatient Hospital Quality Indicators Report](#) has been posted to our Web site. The report is the second such report produced in Wisconsin. The first, for 2001 data, was published in January 2004 by BHI. BHI did not produce a 2002 version of the report.

Quarterly Data Sets Coming and Going: 3Q04 data sets are scheduled to be released the week of February 14. Meanwhile, time is running out for submission of 4Q04 data. The standard deadline is **February 14**. Facilities seeking an extension must submit a request in writing by **February 4**.

Price Point to Go Live: Our new Web site, "Price Point," is scheduled to go live in early February. The Web site will provide more complete and more current charge, utilization and financial information about Wisconsin hospitals than the former BHI Web site. While the former BHI Web site provided hospital-specific charge information about only four DRGs, Price Point will provide such information about **all** DRGs at **all** hospitals. Moreover, the Price Point data will be updated quarterly; the BHI data was updated annually.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Jan. 28: Standard deadline for submission of 2004 Annual Survey responses (8/31/04 and 9/30/04 Fiscal-Year Ends) and 2004 Fiscal Survey responses (9/30/04 Fiscal-Year Ends).

Extended deadline for submission of 2004 Fiscal Survey responses (8/31/04 Fiscal-Year Ends).

Feb. 1: **Deadline for returning 3Q04 affirmation statements.**