



**Update**  
**March 4, 2005**

**Your Friendly Wlpop Reminder:** A reminder post card has been sent to the CEO, CFO and Data Submitter contacts at each facility regarding the new Wlpop data collection system.

Facilities should complete their programming changes soon if they have not already done so. The deadline for submitting 1Q05 inpatient, ambulatory and ED data is May 16, 2005.

Although facilities are not *required* to submit test files, **we highly recommend it**. Test submissions allow facilities to assess the extent to which their data extract programming has successfully incorporated the new Wlpop requirements. They also help WHA Information Center confirm that the Wlpop edits are working as intended.

The first quarter ends in 27 days, and the data submission deadline is now approximately ten weeks away. **NOW** is an excellent time to put the final touches on your programming changes and send us a test file. The Wlpop system is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so it's ready when you're ready. Don't be the last one on the block to try this new and exciting data submission system.

As always, if you have any questions or need more information on Wlpop, visit [our Web site](#) or call us toll free at 800-231-8340.

**Custom Reports and Data Compilations:** Did you know that WHA Information Center provides more than raw statewide data sets?

Our staff is available to produce custom reports and data compilations on an as-needed or recurring basis. Some customers find that an entire statewide data set has more data than they need or have the ability to deal with on their own. Others are not regular users of the data but occasionally have a need for information that can be derived from data collected by WHA Information Center.

If you have a question about services or charges at Wisconsin hospitals, chances are WHA Information Center can help you answer it. Please keep us in mind in the future.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

**Mar. 11:** **Deadline for physician requests to review 4Q04 data.**

**Mar. 24:** **Deadline to correct invalid 4Q04 records (for facilities that received an extension for 4Q04 data submission).**