



Update
July 15, 2005

Status of 1Q05 Data Collection: The physician review process will begin on Monday, July 18 for 1Q05 inpatient, ambulatory and ED records. Immediately after records are sent out, the 1Q05 validation process will commence. Because Wlpop has an expanded set of edits, it is expected that the number of issues identified through the validation process may be substantially reduced.

About 1.6 million records have been submitted for 1Q05. That's more than double the volume of a typical quarter in 2004.

We sincerely appreciate the work and diligence Wisconsin hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers have put into the Wlpop transition. When all the dust settles, the new Wlpop system will produce an unprecedented depth and breadth of hospital data. That's good news for everyone and is yet another indication that Wisconsin hospitals are committed to transparency.

Data Submitter User Group The group met by teleconference on Tuesday, July 12.

The discussion featured a "post-mortem" on the first Wlpop data collection cycle and details about scheduled programming enhancements for Wlpop. Please see the item below for more information.

Data submitters can access minutes of meetings through our Web site: http://www.whainfocenter.com/dsug_minutes.htm. The minutes of the July 12 meeting will be posted soon.

Wlpop Changes for 2Q05: Two major changes in Wlpop's edit logic will be implemented soon for 2Q05 data. The first is the addition of an additional Place of Service code (7) to allow the submission of repetitive services on a single record. The second is a change that will allow records containing surgical revenue codes indicating a service incidental to the main treatment to be submitted under a Place of Service code other than 1. The latter change will require the Wlpop system to be taken off line for up to two days. Data submitters will be given advance notice of the service outage.

Important Dates and Deadlines

August 5: Extension request deadline for 1Q05 Other Hospital Outpatient records and 2Q05 Inpatient, Ambulatory Surgery and Emergency Department records.

August 15: Standard deadline to submit 1Q05 Other Hospital Outpatient records and 2Q05 Inpatient, Outpatient Surgery and Emergency Department records.