



***Update***  
**January 2, 2004**

**Open for Business:** WHA Information Center is officially open for business as of today. Facilities may now submit their fourth-quarter data through our Web-based submission tool. The deadline for submitting fourth-quarter data is February 14, 2004. A 30-day extension may be granted if a facility requests an extension in writing by February 4.

**Take it for a Test Drive:** We encourage data submitters to familiarize themselves with the functionality of WHA Information Center's data collection system. Many facilities have already done so. Simply contact us via e-mail at [WHAInfoCenter@wha.org](mailto:WHAInfoCenter@wha.org) and let us know if you're interested. You can then submit your third-quarter data and experience the new system first-hand before you send your first official (fourth quarter) submission.

**Bookmark It!:** Be sure to visit our Web site at [www.whainfocenter.com](http://www.whainfocenter.com), and check back often for the latest updates, frequently asked questions, and other information. You can bookmark the Web site by pressing Ctrl-D when you are viewing the site.

**New FAQs:** The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) link on the [WHA Information Center Web site](#) has been updated with several questions and answers from the training sessions held December 16-18. More updates are on the way.

**Data Consumer User Group:** The Information Center sent a questionnaire December 30 to potential user group members about how they currently use data produced by the Bureau of Health Information (BHI). Responses are due by Friday, January 9, 2004. If you are interested in participating and did not receive a questionnaire, e-mail Julie Callies at [jcallies@wha.org](mailto:jcallies@wha.org).

**Annual and Fiscal Surveys:** The Information Center this week e-mailed information about the Annual and Fiscal Survey process to all hospitals with fiscal years that ended on December 31. The e-mails were sent to the hospitals' designated Annual Survey and Fiscal Survey contacts.

WHA Information Center expects to make a Web-based data submission tool available by March 2004 to facilitate data collection for each survey. In all likelihood hospitals will not be required to submit survey responses on paper, although they may still choose to do so. WHA Information Center will provide frequent updates about our progress in developing a Web-based data submission tool for the Annual and Fiscal Surveys and the Uncompensated Health Care Plan.