



Update
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Clarification on Deadline for Edit Corrections: Facilities have ten days **after the submission deadline** to correct edited records, regardless of when the data was initially submitted. In other words, there is no “penalty” for early submissions. The ten-day clock is not started until the submission deadline date. We encourage facilities to submit their data as early as possible; doing so maximizes the amount of time available for corrections.

Join the Fun: As of yesterday, **22** facilities have submitted their fourth-quarter 2003 data to WHA Information Center. **Fourteen** of them have already corrected their edited records. Many data submitters have commented that the process is much simpler and less time-consuming than they anticipated. We look forward to many more facilities starting the process in the coming week. Don't be the last one on your block to give it a try!

Extension Requests: If for some reason your facility needs more time to submit your fourth-quarter data, don't forget that extension requests must be sent to Joe Kachelski, Vice President, WHA Information Center, at the address below, by **February 4**. For your convenience, an extension request form can be found on our [Web site](#).

Profiles and Affirmation Statements: WHA Information Center is currently developing its data validation process. In the validation process, the Information Center looks at facilities' submissions as a whole to review plausibility and consistency with historical submissions. We also review total charges for unusually high or low amounts. The facility's profile (summary of data submitted) and affirmation statement will be generated as part of our validation review. We will provide more information about the timing of this process in the near future.

Important Dates and Deadlines: 4Q 03 Data

February 4: Deadline to request 30-day extension.

February 16: Standard deadline for data submission.

February 26: All corrections to edited records must be complete (standard deadline).

March 15: Extended deadline for data submission.

March 25: All corrections to edited records must be complete (extended deadline).