



Update
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Data Submission Status: To date, **48** facilities have submitted their fourth-quarter 2003 data to WHA Information Center. **Thirty-six** of them have already corrected their edited records. The total number of records collected now exceeds 100,000. Thanks to all facilities that have promptly submitted their files.

Don't Wait!: **Now would be a great time** to submit your facility's fourth-quarter discharge, ambulatory surgery and/or emergency department data. Why? Three reasons:

1. You are likely to be pleasantly surprised at how quick and easy the data submission process is.
2. If coding is not complete on some records, you can submit the records now. Anyone in your facility with Internet access can then use the WHA Information Center system to easily identify records with missing data for later correction.
3. If you discover an unexpected problem in your file(s), you will still have time to request an extension. Extension requests are due **February 4**. Facilities that do not request an extension must submit their data by **February 16** and correct all errors by **February 26**. You can find an extension request form on our [Web site](#).

Annual and Fiscal Surveys: As promised, WHA Information Center is developing a Web-based submission tool for the Annual Survey, the Fiscal Survey and the Uncompensated Care report. We expect that the new on-line survey will be available in March for facilities whose fiscal year ended December 31. We are looking for a limited number of facilities to help with our testing. If you are interested, please contact Julie Callies at jcallies@wha.org.

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).