



Update
October 8, 2004

Hospital Rate Increase Notices: Many hospitals began new fiscal years October 1. The beginning of a new fiscal year is traditionally the time when rate increases take effect. Please remember that hospitals are obligated to provide notice of rate increases to WHA Information Center in the same manner and under the same deadlines as formerly applied when the Wisconsin Bureau of Health Information (BHI) collected this information.

Your cooperation in complying with the hospital rate increase notice requirements will be appreciated. Hospital rate increases are summarized on our Web site at: <http://www.whainfocenter.com/hosprates.htm>

Hospital rate increase notices should be sent to:

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Debbie can also answer any questions you may have about the requirements. Her e-mail address is drickelman@wha.org.

Annual Surveys of Hospitals: Facilities whose 2004 fiscal years ended before August 1 are reminded that responses to the Annual Survey of Hospitals are now being collected by WHA Information Center via our paperless survey submission tool. All such facilities have received e-mail instructions regarding the log-in and submission process. Contact Brian Competente at bcompetente@wha.org with questions.

Our First Birthday: WHA Information Center celebrated its first birthday on Friday, October 1. What a year it has been! Thanks to all who have helped make privatized hospital data collection a success in Wisconsin.

Important Dates and Deadlines

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| <u>Oct. 18:</u> | Wipop training session, Madison
Deadline for Fiscal Survey extension requests (6/30/04 fiscal-year ends) |
| <u>Oct. 22:</u> | Wipop training session, Green Bay |
| <u>Oct. 28:</u> | Fiscal Survey responses due (standard deadline) (6/30/04 fiscal-year ends) |