



***Update***  
**December 5, 2003**

**Training Sessions:** The response to the training opportunities offered by WHA Information Center has been tremendous. We have now received more than 200 registrations for the Quarterly Data Submission training sessions listed below. We are still accepting registrations for the Brookfield and Wisconsin Rapids sessions. Please return your registration form via email to [WHAInfoCenter@wha.org](mailto:WHAInfoCenter@wha.org) or via fax to Debbie Rickelman at (608) 268-1884. We look forward to meeting many of you later this month.

- December 16, 2003      Clarion Suites, 2110 Rimrock Rd., Madison (*registration closed*)
- December 17, 2003      Embassy Suites Hotel, 1200 S. Moorland Rd., Brookfield
- December 18, 2003      Hotel Mead, 451 E. Grand Ave., Wisconsin Rapids

A fourth training session may be held in January to accommodate those who were not able to attend one of the original three. Details will be communicated in the next edition of the *Update*.

**System Installation:** The new WHA Information Center data collection system was installed this week. Testing of the system has begun and will continue through December. Special thanks to the many facilities that have submitted test data for our use.

The current record layout and data elements will remain in effect. However, instead of submitting the data files via the Bureau of Health Information's (BHI's) Bulletin Board System, facilities will submit them through a Web-based data collection tool.

**Data Submitter User Group:** Minutes from the November 19, 2003, Data Submitter User Group conference call were distributed on November 26.

The next call will be scheduled after the training sessions. New participants are welcome. Contact Joe Kachelski at [jkachelski@wha.org](mailto:jkachelski@wha.org) to sign up.

**Data Consumer User Group:** WHA Information Center will begin the process of establishing a Data Consumer User Group this month. This group will provide technical advice to the Information Center about the needs of those who purchase or otherwise rely on access to the data currently collected by BHI. The Information Center will collect information from potential user group members about how they currently use the data in advance of convening the user group. Those who are interested in participating should e-mail Julie Callies at [jcallies@wha.org](mailto:jcallies@wha.org).

**Annual and Fiscal Surveys:** Hospitals whose fiscal years end December 31, 2003, will be the first to submit their Annual and Fiscal surveys to WHA Information Center instead of BHI. Survey contacts will receive more information about the survey process later this month.