



Update
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Rate Increase Notices: As the transition of duties from the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) to WHA Information Center nears completion, WHA Information Center is poised to begin collecting hospital rate increase notices, effective March 1, 2004. Facility administrators and CFOs received an e-mail notice this week about the change. Notice requirements remain the same.

Profiles and Affirmation Statements: We received overwhelmingly positive feedback on our sample profile reports. Thank you to the dozens of data submitters who gave us their comments.

WHA Information Center will generate a profile report for each facility using the template that was recently distributed via e-mail to data submitters. Official profiles will be issued as we complete the data validation process for each facility.

Correcting Invalid Records: The number of remaining invalid records for fourth-quarter 2003 data continues to dwindle. Of more than 710,000 records submitted, fewer than 1,300 (0.18 percent) remain invalid. One of the 15 facilities involved is encountering some programming difficulties; the other 14 have a manageable average of 35 records still awaiting correction. The vast majority of remaining invalid records are emergency department records.

Because programming changes were required to allow some valid records to be accepted by our system, the deadline for correcting invalid records has been extended to **Friday, March 5**.

Physician Notices: WHA Information Center this week sent notices to all active, licensed physicians (MDs and DOs) in Wisconsin regarding their right to review and seek changes to facility-submitted records associated with their license numbers. The notice explains the process the physicians should follow to obtain the records. The administrative and medical records contacts for each facility received a similar letter. Contact [Debbie Rickelman](#) with questions.

Important Dates and Deadlines: 4Q 03 Data

March 5: All corrections to edited records must be complete (modified standard deadline).

March 15: Extended deadline for data submission.

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