



Update
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Data Submission Status: To date, **87** facilities have submitted their fourth-quarter 2003 data to WHA Information Center. **Sixty-seven** of them have already corrected their edited records. The total number of records collected now exceeds 235,000. Many facilities submitted data without a hitch, a few needed some minor guidance, but all have been wonderful to work with. We appreciate your cooperation!

Super Monday is Approaching: Forget about Super Sunday. **Super Monday** is looming just around the corner. If you did not request an extension, **Monday, February 16** is the deadline for submitting fourth-quarter 2003 data.

Now that the Super Bowl is history and Groundhog Day is just a shadowy memory, it's a perfect time to get your files in order for the short and nearly painless process of submitting data via WHA Information Center's Web-based data submission tool. Just think – if you act now, you can be done in plenty of time for Mardi Gras!

Data Submission Tips: Although WHA Information Center is using the same data specifications and record layout that the Bureau of Health Information (BHI) used, our enforcement of the specifications is slightly different. This can result in edits that may be unfamiliar to data submitters.

For example, some facilities have been zero-filling the "Other Physician ID" field when no procedure was performed. No physician ID (not even zeroes) should be included if no procedure was performed. A zero-filled physician ID field is meant to indicate a non-MD or non-DO provider.

Similarly, the procedure date should be left blank (not zero-filled) if no procedure was performed.

Important Dates and Deadlines: 4Q 03 Data

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).