



Update
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Beware The Ides of March?: **Monday, March 15** is the deadline for facilities that requested an extension to submit data from the fourth quarter of 2003. Only one facility has yet to submit its data. All invalid records must be corrected by **Thursday, March 25**.

The vast majority of facilities have closed their quarter. However, a few facilities that have corrected all of their invalid records have not yet done so. Remember, you must click on the "Close Quarter" button on the Batch Review screen once all invalid records have been corrected. If you need assistance with your invalid records, please [contact us](#).

Privatization Works!: Five months ago, WHA Information Center set out to make the data submission process more efficient and more user-friendly. We were convinced that the best way to produce accurate, useful and timely data on the back end was to improve the collection and validation process on the front end. We are now nearing the end of our first collection cycle and all indications point to a resounding success.

It has been gratifying to work with so many dedicated professionals at hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers throughout the state. Our training sessions in December stressed that the data privatization initiative was a partnership, and that the facilities themselves would play a major role in demonstrating the advantages of privatization. It is clear that facilities took that message to heart. The response we received from data submitters has been nothing short of outstanding.

The staff of WHA Information Center deeply appreciates the cooperation we've received. We are committed to maintaining good working relationships with all of our customers. We are always interested in your feedback, whether it is positive or negative. Please [let us know](#) how we're doing.

2004 WHIMA Conference: Two WHA Information Center staff members will speak April 29 at the Wisconsin Health Information Management Association (WHIMA) conference, to be held at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Appleton. Julie Callies, RHIA, and Debbie Rickelman, RHIT, will lead an in-depth discussion of the WHA Information Center data submission and editing process and will provide tips and guidelines to improve efficiency and minimize invalid records.

Important Dates and Deadlines: 4Q 03 Data

March 15: Extended deadline for data submission.

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