



Update
March 19, 2004

Paperless Surveys Now Available! As promised, WHA Information Center has developed an on-line survey submission tool to allow hospitals to submit their Annual Survey, Fiscal Survey and Uncompensated Health Care Plan information. The paperless survey was activated on Wednesday. Hospitals whose fiscal years ended on December 31, 2003, received an e-mail this week with instructions. If you are responsible for any of your hospital's surveys and did not receive this message, please call Brian Competente at 608-268-1835 or 1-800-231-8340.

Physician Review of Data: WHA Information Center will soon send information to 262 physicians who asked to review 4Q03 records associated with their medical license number. Under Wisconsin law, physicians have the right to review records submitted by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers and request that erroneous information be changed by the facility. In many cases, the errors involve a typographical error in the physician's license number.

If a physician requests a change and the facility agrees, the facility must ask WHA Information Center to re-open the facility's 4Q03 data. The facility must then make the change on-line by April 22. If the facility disagrees with the change request, it must notify WHA Information Center by April 15.

Invalid Records Melting Away: All facilities have now reported their 4Q03 data. None were delinquent. Of nearly 760,000 records collected, only eight (from two facilities) are still invalid. All invalid records must be corrected by **Thursday, March 25**.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- March 25:** All corrections to edited 4Q03 discharge records must be complete.
- April 19:** Deadline to request 30-day extension for 2003 Fiscal Survey and Uncompensated Health Care Plan (12/31 fiscal-year ends).
- April 20:** Deadline to request 30-day extension for 2003 Annual Survey of Hospitals (12/31 fiscal-year ends).
- April 29:** Standard deadline for submission of 2003 Fiscal Survey and Uncompensated Health Care Plan (12/31 fiscal-year ends).
- April 30:** Standard deadline for submission of 2003 Annual Survey of Hospitals (12/31 fiscal-year ends).