



Update
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Status of 4Q03 Data Processing: All facilities have now corrected their invalid records and closed their quarter.

This week facilities received preliminary profile reports that summarize their 4Q03 data submissions. **The profiles are not final.** Each facility will receive a final profile, along with an affirmation statement, as we complete the validation process on the facility's data.

Our validation process involves reviewing total charges to identify unusually high or low amounts, identifying possible duplicate records, and examining the data on a batch level to ensure that the submission as a whole is plausible and consistent with a facility's historical norms. We were not able to initiate validation as early as we would have liked during this cycle because it took some time to convert historical data from BHI.

No Foolin': April 1 is just around the corner. Facilities will be able to submit 1Q04 data at that time. During the next quarterly collection cycle, we will be able to initiate the validation process as soon as a facility closes its quarter.

Paperless Survey Submission: If your hospital's fiscal year ended December 31, 2003, your Annual Survey, Fiscal Survey and Uncompensated Health Care Plan are due in late April (see deadlines below). Instructions for accessing the on-line survey submission site were e-mailed last week. Please [contact us](#) if you have questions or did not receive the instructions.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- 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).