



Update
April 2, 2004

Status of 4Q03 Data Processing: WHA Information Center is nearly finished with validation checks on 4Q03 data.

No later than Friday, April 9, facilities will receive validation queries involving the following issues, if applicable:

- Missing E-codes
- Possibly invalid type of admission
- Invalid discharge status
- Possible invalid secondary payer
- Possible admission date error
- Unusually high or low charge
- Possible duplicate record

Facilities will also be notified if their records produced no validation queries.

Many of the queries appear to involve simple issues, including keystroke errors. For example, we discovered a handful of ED Visit records with lengths of stay of **more** than 700 days. Detailed instructions regarding review and correction of erroneous records will be provided along with the queries. Any erroneous information must be corrected by **Friday, April 23**.

A New Quarter: As of Thursday, April 1, facilities may submit 1Q04 data via WHA Information Center's Web-based data submission tool.

Paperless Survey Submission: Sixty-seven Wisconsin hospitals have a fiscal-year end of December 31. Is your hospital one of them? If so, this would be a very good time to complete your Annual Survey, Fiscal Survey and Uncompensated Health Care Plan. Deadlines are looming (see box below). Please [contact us](#) if you have questions about our new on-line survey submission process.

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 23: Deadline for correction of 4Q03 validation queries.

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).