



***Update***  
**April 23, 2004**

**The Survey Says . . .** : The deadline for survey extension requests has now passed for hospitals whose fiscal years ended December 31, 2003. Fiscal Surveys and Uncompensated Health Care Plans for those that did not request an extension must be submitted by **Thursday, April 29**. Annual Surveys are due **Friday, April 30**.

If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to familiarize yourself with our paperless survey submission tool soon. We think our new process is so convenient, you'll wish you could submit surveys every month. But, if you have questions, please direct them to [whainfocenter@wha.org](mailto:whainfocenter@wha.org).

**Affirmation Statements:** Affirmation statements are being sent to facilities as soon as validation-related issues and errors are addressed. Please complete and return your affirmation statements as soon as possible.

**Validation Process:** Thanks to all facilities for your cooperation during the validation process. A number of facilities have even thanked us for pointing out potential coding or record-count problems. To them, we say you are quite welcome! It's all part of our shared commitment to collecting and reporting accurate, complete and timely data. As we refine our own processes and facilities become increasingly accustomed to our editing and validation standards, the process will proceed even more smoothly.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

- 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).
- May 5:** Deadline to request 30-day extension for submission of 1Q04 data.
- May 17:** Standard deadline for submission of 1Q04 data.  
WHA Information Center scheduled to release standard data sets for 4Q03.
- June 15:** Extended deadline for submission of 1Q04 data.