



Update
May 14, 2004

Our First-Born: We are extremely pleased to note that 4Q03 data sets will be available on Monday, May 17, **44 days in advance of the deadline** imposed by our contract with the state. This is a significant accomplishment – a testament to a strong and productive working relationship between WHA Information Center and submitting facilities.

A lot has happened in the last seven months. WHA Information Center was established October 1, 2003, and hired staff in November. We installed a data collection system and conducted three large training sessions in December. The first quarterly data was submitted in January 2004 and our second quarterly data cycle began in April.

We could not have come this far without the outstanding cooperation we have received from data submitters. It is clear you share our commitment to producing complete, accurate and timely data for Wisconsin health care consumers, payers and providers.

Data purchasers are reminded that Data Use Agreements (DUAs) must be completed and returned before we can send data sets. Contact icallies@wha.org with any DUA questions.

1Q04 Discharge Data Collection in Home Stretch: WHA Information Center has received 1Q04 discharge data from 160 facilities thus far. The facilities that have not requested an extension must submit their 1Q04 data by **Monday, May 17**.

More than 70 facilities have already closed their quarter. When you have completed corrections to invalid records of each data type, you must click on the “mark complete” button to close the quarter.

WHA Information Center will run record-level validation queries early next week for facilities that have closed their quarter. However, the validation queries for high and low charges will be delayed approximately one week to allow us to add 4Q03 data to our historical files.

Important Dates and Deadlines

- May 17:** Standard deadline for submission of 1Q04 data.
WHA Information Center scheduled to release standard data sets for 4Q03.
- May 27:** Invalid 1Q04 records must be corrected (standard deadline).
- June 1:** Extended deadline for submission of 2003 Annual Survey, Fiscal Survey and Uncompensated Health Care Plan (12/31 fiscal-year ends).
- June 15:** Extended deadline for submission of 1Q04 data.
- June 25:** Invalid 1Q04 records must be corrected (extended deadline).