



Update
July 30, 2004

Wlpop is Coming: WHA Information Center has finalized the layout, format and data elements for files that will be submitted to Wlpop (Wisconsin Inpatient/Outpatient), our new data collection and reporting system.

An e-mail message is being sent today to all data submitter, IT and data consumer contacts with detailed information facilities will need to accomplish the necessary reprogramming.

Wlpop will allow the collection and reporting of all outpatient services, and will not limit the number of diagnoses or procedures that are submitted. Facility training is tentatively scheduled for **November 2004**, with testing beginning approximately **January 1, 2005**. The transition from the current system to Wlpop is scheduled for **April 1, 2005**.

Status of 1Q04 Data: **Today is the final day** for facilities to make corrections resulting from 1Q04 validation queries. Pre-production of 1Q04 data sets begins next week. Release of 1Q04 data sets is scheduled for the week of August 16.

Status of 2Q04 Data: Thirty-seven facilities have already submitted 2Q04 data. Included in the 52,000 records collected thus far are batches from four facilities that began submitting data prior to the close of the quarter. Thanks to all for your prompt submissions.

Data Consumer User Group: The Data Consumer User Group met via conference call on July 29. The group agreed that future data sets should include more specificity regarding payer categories. WHA Information Center expects to develop new payer categories and include them in 1Q04 data sets. The previous payer categories will continue to be included.

July 31 Power Outage: As indicated in our July 29 e-mail to data submitter contacts, WHA Information Center's server will not be able to accept data submissions on Saturday, July 31. Madison Gas and Electric is temporarily interrupting service in the vicinity of our office because of some scheduled utility work in the area. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Important Dates and Deadlines

Aug. 4: Deadline to request extension for submission of 2Q04 data.

Aug. 16: Standard deadline for submission of 2Q04 data.

Sep. 13: Extended deadline for submission of 2Q04 data.