



Update
August 13, 2004

No Time Like the Present: Nineteen facilities that have not requested an extension have yet to submit their 2Q04 data. The deadline is **Monday, August 16**. Invalid records must be corrected by **Thursday, August 26** if no extension has been granted. Total 2Q04 records collected thus far exceed 680,000.

Wipop? What's Wipop? The Wipop (Wisconsin Inpatient-Outpatient) system is WHA Information Center's new data collection system, scheduled to be implemented **April 1, 2005**. The Wipop system will facilitate the expansion of hospital outpatient data collection. This expansion is required by Wisconsin law.

All facilities have been notified via e-mail of the Wipop layout, format and data definitions. The transition to the new system will require some programming changes for facilities. We urge all data submitters and/or information systems personnel to carefully review the system specifications and begin preparations for submission to Wipop next year.

A series of three data submitter conference calls will be held September 7, 8 and 9 to allow facility representatives to discuss issues and ask questions related to Wipop. In addition, a series of five training sessions will be held beginning in October at various locations around the state. More information about those sessions will be provided in September.

Customer Service Survey: All data submitters and data customers will receive an on-line survey during the week of August 23. We believe we have greatly improved the data submission process as well as the quality and timeliness of the data sets derived from the raw data. But what we think isn't important; our data partners and customers ultimately decide if we're meeting their needs. Please watch your e-mail for instructions. We want to hear from you!

Important Dates and Deadlines

- Aug. 16:** Standard deadline for submission of 2Q04 data.
- Aug. 26:** Standard deadline for correction of invalid 2Q04 records.
- Sep. 7 - 9:** Wipop conference calls for data submitters.
- Sep. 13:** Extended deadline for submission of 2Q04 data.
- Sep. 23:** Extended deadline for correction of invalid 2Q04 records.