



**Update**  
**August 20, 2004**

**You asked; we delivered:** New and improved standard 1Q04 data sets are now available for purchase. Physician-enhanced data sets will be released **Monday, August 23**.

The 1Q04 data sets include new, more specific payer categories along with the original payer classifications. The new more specific payer categories will allow data purchasers to distinguish, for example, managed-care payers from indemnity payers and self-insurance from traditional insurance.

The 1Q04 physician-enhanced data sets now include physician name and specialty in addition to his/her license number. This will reduce or eliminate the need for purchasers to consult with or link to a separate database to identify physicians.

Both changes were suggested by our Data Consumer User Group. We are happy to oblige to provide added value for our customers.

**2Q04 Data Update:** Nearly 753,000 records have now been submitted for 2Q04. Only four facilities, all with approved extensions, have yet to submit.

Facilities that did not receive an extension must correct all invalid records by **Thursday, August 26**.

**Customer Service Survey Reminder:** All data submitters and data customers will receive an on-line survey during the week of August 23. The survey is your chance to give us feedback on the quality of the services we provide.

The survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete. Please watch your e-mail for details and instructions.

**Important Dates and Deadlines**

- Aug. 26:** Standard deadline for correction of invalid 2Q04 records.
- Sep. 1:** Deadline for customer survey responses.
- Sep. 7 - 9:** Wlpop conference calls for data submitters.
- Sep. 13:** Extended deadline for submission of 2Q04 data.
- Sep. 23:** Extended deadline for correction of invalid 2Q04 records.