What's new in WIpop!

Is your race reporting accurate?

To facilitate the reporting of accurate race data, we are asking all submitting hospitals and ASC primary contacts to verify at patient registration individuals have an opportunity to identify/select more than one race and are reporting both to WHAIC on the data submission file. If all patients are not allowed the opportunity to select and report more than one race consistently, the data will not accurately reflect the diversity of the population. We will be exploring this topic in greater detail at the fall conference scheduled for October 30.

In the meantime, we want to express how grateful we are with the current collection and reporting of race codes. The fact is, you do an amazing job of reporting what is collected. However, only 49% of our hospitals and ASCs are reporting a secondary race. Therefore, beginning with Q1 2019 data collection, WHAIC staff will focus a great deal of effort on reviewing and reaching out to specific sites to improve secondary race collection.

To break it down further, in Q3 2018, 112 facilities out of 240 (18 ASCs and 94 hospitals) reported at least one record with a secondary race. We look forward to working with you to improve these numbers.

Health Information Professionals Week March 24-30!

Dear Health Information Management Professional!

It's that time of year when we celebrate YOU, and all your contributions to the HIM profession!

As an HIM professional, you lead efforts to ensure the availability, accuracy, integrity and security of all data related to patient healthcare encounters. This better clinical and business decisions that enhance healthcare quality.

You play a key role in the effective management of health data to deliver quality healthcare to the public.

We wanted to personally thank you for all that you do for us, the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center. You may not even know it, but your dedication to data accuracy ensures data integrity downstream as we use it in such tools such as Wisconsin PricePoint (www.wipricepoint.org), Wisconsin CheckPoint (www.wicheckpoint.org) and the data sets we release to authorized purchasers who use our State's hospital and Ambulatory Surgery data for business development and clinical improvement.

You are a valued member of our team! Wishing you all the best!

Suzy, Cindy, Jennifer, Brian and Tony

Reporting Highlights, Reminders and Updates:

1) WHAIC can accept as many diagnoses **as reported in the medical record**. Please be sure to check your file and/or consult with your file developer to make sure all codes are submitted to WHAIC. Under reporting of diagnoses codes may affect accuracy in quality reporting.

2) As stated throughout the transition to the 837 claims file, and on the WIpop File Specifications, Language will become a reporting option in 2019. Research provided on the AHRQ supports the data collection of language as it has a significant impact on patients' health status from access to care to health outcomes and patient safety. For more information on Language data collection see the AHRQ.gov website https://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/final-reports/iomracereport/reldata4.html

   A separate communication will be sent identifying the new 837 field and a mapping table once the Manual and the WIpop Application have been updated.

3) Several changes and updates were made to the Expected Source of Payment or Payers in Appendix 7.3.
   a. Added numerous links to allow user to better understand insurance terms and payer name/category.
   b. Added column to identify if the commercial plan was part of a large, small or individual group market or if it's a government plan (highlighted in light green shading).
   c. Identified payers no longer writing insurance (as of 2019) by using a small Calibri Light font.

4) Passwords must be updated annually, and new staff must register through the secured portal. Register for WIpop

5) Be sure to review your list of authorized users on a regular basis. The facility staff are responsible for keeping the data protected and removing unauthorized users from the list of approved WIpop users.

Review previous reporting highlights, reminders and training material on our website: WIpop Compliance and Updates

Thank you for your efforts in producing high quality data for your facility, external users, and those that perform utilization review, research, and market share analysis.