



Wlpop Training

The annual Wlpop Training will be provided in a virtual format this year. We plan to offer in-person sessions in 2026.

This annual training helps facilities understand **statutory requirements** for submitting discharge data to the WHA Information Center (WHAIC). The condensed virtual format provides an overview of **data collection standards, reporting requirements, and recent updates** to submission processes. Participants will also have an opportunity to share experiences and ask questions.

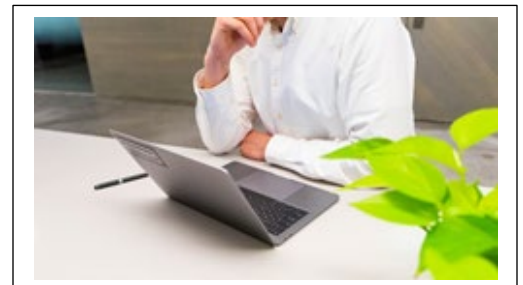
Regulatory Reminder:

Under **DHS 120.07(2)(b)–(c)**, facilities are required to ensure that data submission staff are trained appropriately:

- Each data submitting entity must authorize appropriate staff to attend the department’s data submission training.
- If a trained designee is replaced, the entity must transfer submission knowledge or ensure new staff obtain department-approved training.

Training Agenda:

- Overview of Wlpop discharge data submission
- Review of submission, edit, validation, and affirmation processes
- Updates to race and payer data collection
- Enhancements to redesigned Wlpop website and new login options
- How WHAIC uses the data provided



Training Dates and Registration links:

- **Wednesday, [October 22, 2025 Wlpop Training](#) — 9:30–11:00 a.m.**
- **Tuesday, [October 28, 2025 Wlpop Training](#) — 9:30–11:00 a.m.**

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Improving Race and Ethnicity Data Collection to Advance Health Equity

The Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) and the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) are partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to strengthen how ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs), hospitals, and health systems collect and report patient race and ethnicity data at registration and admission.

Accurate and complete demographic data are essential to identify disparities, improve access, and support better outcomes.



Our shared goals:

1. **Enable patients to select more than one race and encourage vendors to provide that detail in the files,** creating better opportunities to identify and address inequities in healthcare and to plan for care that meets the needs of all communities.
2. **Align WHAIC data collection with revised federal OMB standards (SPD 15),** including addition of “Middle Eastern or North African (MENA)” and Hispanic/Latino options and incorporated detailed subcategories for each race. Whenever possible, patients should self-report race and/or ethnicity at these detailed subcategory levels. If this is not feasible, data should be collected and reported at the minimum category level.

*While we initially planned to ‘require’ the Hispanic/Latino option within the race category question, this will be temporarily optional. Feedback and technical constraints from the facilities and their national vendors have delayed implementation of this category. *Ethnicity will continue to be collected as a separate data element in both the 837-transaction file and in Wlpop.*

We ask for your support:

- Share this initiative’s importance with registration and reporting staff.
- Update data collection systems, 837 claim files and workflows.
- Revise paper and electronic forms to include the updated race question.
- Promote upcoming training opportunities.

Your partnership is vital to ensure accurate, equitable, and actionable demographic data.

Wlpop Reminders for Submitters, Editors, and Data Users

1 New Accounts: WHAIC does not create user accounts. All users must register directly via the [Data Submitters tab](#) on our website.

2 Closing Batches: When you finish editing, remember to close your batch using “**Mark Batch Complete.**”

3 Payer Data: We continue to see patients age 68+ assigned to commercial payer codes (“A” codes). Generally, patients age 67+ should be mapped to straight Medicare (MED-09) **or Medicare Advantage (MPC-09)**. Review your quarterly “**No Medicare Age 68+**” report for corrections to your patient data.

Upcoming Audit Notice:

In the coming months, WHAIC will audit facility payer mappings. Each facility is required to report accurately and correct the mapping to [Appendix 7.4](#) as payer data is highly utilized for analysis.



Wlpop Data Submission and Affirmation

When validation reports and affirmations become available, please review and complete them within **30 days**. The data are only accessible for a limited time, and repeated follow-up requests delay processing.

Reports and affirmation statements are located under the **Data Deliverables tab**.

State statute requires each facility to ensure data accuracy through timely validation and review before signing off. Your prompt attention helps maintain high-quality statewide data and reduces follow-up work for everyone.

Holiday Office Hours

Our office will be closed on the following dates:

- **Thursday, November 27, 2025** – Thanksgiving Day
- **Friday, November 28, 2025** – Day After Thanksgiving
- **Wednesday, December 24, 2025** – Christmas Eve (½ day, close at noon)
- **Thursday, December 25, 2025** – Christmas Day
- **Wednesday, December 31, 2025** – New Year's Eve (½ day, close at noon)

Thank you for your continued partnership in advancing data quality and healthcare transparency across Wisconsin.