

Rate Increase Instructions & Registration

Statute DHS 120.09

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Online Training For Hospitals– Rate Increase

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Hospital Rate Increase– What's Required

- The Wisconsin State statutes ([DHS 120](#)) requires Wisconsin hospitals to report certain price increases to WHA Information Center (WHAIC).
- When a price increase causes a hospital's gross patient revenue to increase faster than the rate of inflation (specifically, the increase in federal government's consumer price index, or CPI), **the hospital must report the price increase to its community and WHAIC**
- Once a hospital completes the online form, the reported increase is available ~~in time~~ by clicking the CPI Information Tile.

Hospital Rate Increase Publication

Publication of Notice: Hospital must publish a price increase at least 30 days, but not greater than 45 days prior to the effective date of that price increase.

To meet the requirements, a hospital must publish a notice of the price increase in a local paper. See Statute for complete guidance.

The notice must indicate the individual charge elements affected by the increase as defined by the statute.

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https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/dhs/110/120/ii/09

1) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

- **(a)** "Annualized percentage" means an estimate of the percentage increase in a hospital's gross revenue due to a price increase in charges for patient services for the 12-month period beginning with the effective date of the price increase.
- **(b)** "Change in the consumer price index" means the percentage difference between the consumer price index, as defined in s. [16.004 \(8\) \(e\) 1.](#), Stats., for the 12-month period ending on December 31 of the preceding year and the consumer price index for the 12-month period ending on December 31 of the year prior to the preceding year.
- **(c)** "Charge element" means any service, supply or combination of services or supplies that is specified in the categories for payment under the charge revenue code of the uniform patient billing form.
- **(d)** "Class 1 notice" means, in accordance with s. [985.07 \(1\)](#), Stats., **the publication of a notice at least once in a newspaper likely to give notice to interested persons in the area where the hospital is located.**
- **(e)** "Room and board" means the charges associated with all services provided to the patient in a private or semi-private room.

(2) NOTICE REQUIRED. **No sooner than 45 calendar days and no later than 30 calendar days before a hospital implements a reportable price increase, it shall publish a class 1 notice of the proposed price increase as provided in this section.**

(3) CONTENTS OF NOTICE.

- **(a) Required format.** Each notice under sub. [\(2\)](#) shall include a boldface heading printed in capital letters of at least 18-point type. The text of the notice shall be printed in at least 10-point type. Any numbers printed in the notice shall be expressed as numerals.
- **(b) Notice of price increase.** A notice under sub. [\(2\)](#) shall include, at a minimum, all of the following in the following order:
 1. A heading entitled, "NOTICE OF PROPOSED HOSPITAL PRICE INCREASE FOR (name of hospital)."
 2. The address of the hospital.
 3. The beginning and ending dates of the hospital's fiscal year.
 4. The total anticipated amount of the price increase, expressed as an annualized percentage.
 5. The date the price increase will take effect.
 6. The effective date of the hospital's last reportable price increase and the amount of that increase, expressed as an annualized percentage.
 - 6m. The effective date of any other reported price increases within one year prior to the increase in subd. [6.](#) and the amount of each increase, expressed as an annualized percentage.
 7. The name of each charge element listed in table DHS 120.09 for which the hospital proposes to increase the price. A hospital may, but need not, include any charge element for which no price increase is proposed. For each charge element listed, the hospital shall include all of the following information, formatted as follows:
 - **a.** Current per unit price.
 - **b.** Proposed per unit price.
 - **c.** Amount of the price change between subd. [7. a.](#) and [b.](#)
 - **d.** Percentage of the price change between subd. [7. a.](#) and [b.](#)
 - **8.** An explanation of the reason for the proposed price increase.
- **(4) AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION.** A hospital that publishes any notice under sub. [\(3\)](#) shall require the newspaper in which the notice is published to furnish the hospital with an affidavit of publication attached to a copy of the notice clipped from the paper. The affidavit shall state the name of the newspaper and the date of publication and shall be signed by the editor, publisher, owner or designee of the editor, publisher or owner. **Within 14 calendar days after the hospital receives the affidavit of publication, the hospital shall transmit to the department the affidavit and the notice clipped from the newspaper attached.**




DHS 120.09– Hospital Charge Elements

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Hospital Charge Elements

ROOM AND BOARD – PRIVATE General classification Medical/surgical/gynecology Obstetric Pediatric Psychiatric Hospice Detoxification Oncology Other	CORONARY CARE General classification Myocardial infarction INCREMENTAL NURSING CHARGE RATE General classification Nursery Intensive care Coronary care
ROOM AND BOARD – SEMIPRIVATE TWO BED General classification Medical/surgical/gynecology Obstetric Pediatric Psychiatric Hospice Detoxification Oncology Other	OTHER IMAGING SERVICES Mammography, excluding physician fees EMERGENCY ROOM General classification – based on highest volume, excluding physician fees LABOR ROOM/DELIVERY General classification Labor Delivery Circumcision Birthing center Other
NURSERY General classification Newborn Premature Neonatal intensive care unit Other	PSYCHIATRIC/PSYCHOLOGICAL TREATMENTS General classification Electroshock treatment Milieu therapy Play therapy Other
INTENSIVE CARE General classification Surgical Medical Pediatric Psychiatric Post-intensive care unit Burn care Trauma Other	PSYCHIATRIC/PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES General classification Rehabilitation Day care Night care Individual therapy Group therapy Family therapy Biofeedback Testing Other

Accessing the Hospital Rate Increase Site



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Transparency


Hospital Rate Increases

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WHA Information Center also collects certain rate increases for all Wisconsin hospitals. A hospital is to report its rate increase if its gross patient revenue increases faster than the rate of inflation.


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Hospital Rate Increases




PricePoint



CheckPoint



Price Finder



Users may login or register in three locations

<https://www.whainfocenter.com/>

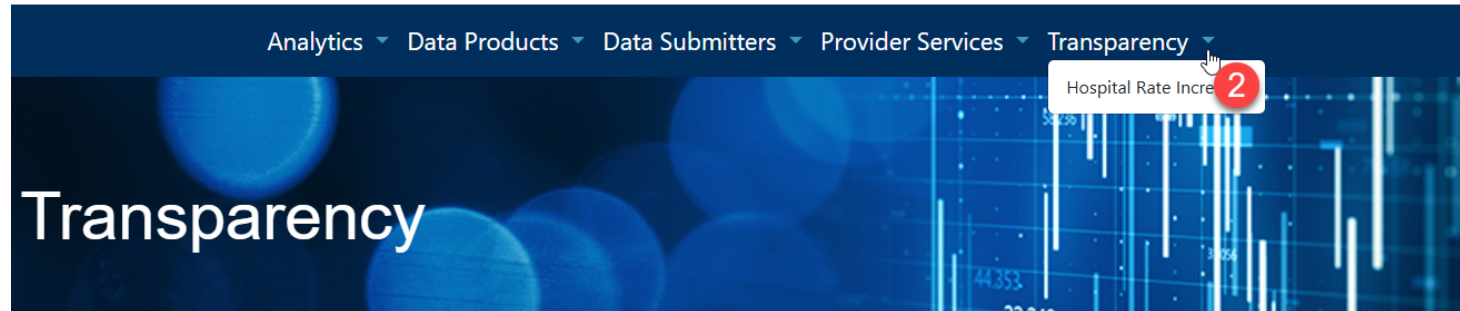


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Updating the Form



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Once a hospital completes the online form, the reported increase is available in real-time by clicking the CPI Information Tile. For more information on the collection and reporting, refer to **the Instructions and Resources Tile.**



Hospital Rate (CPI)
Information



Online Form



Instructions and Resources

Online Form

Rate Increases

If you registered using a Microsoft account (hotmail, outlook.com, or business active directory account) you will log in with that email address and password.

Sign In



Register

Quick Summary of Submitting Rate Increase

Select Facility for Rate Increase:

-- Select Hospital --

Effective Date of Rate Increase:

mm/dd/yyyy

Check if No Rate Increase Applies:

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This is required to be
checked if no increase is
expected.

Percent of rate increase:

%

Select rate increase notice file:

Choose File

No file chosen

Upload PDF Here

Enter comments if desired:

If this is a secondary update, note that here.

- ☐ **Submission of this form and all necessary documentation is accurate to the best of my knowledge and completes our facilities statutory obligation as defined in State statutes ([DHS 120](#)) that require Wisconsin hospitals to report certain price increases to WHA Information Center (WHAIC).*

Rate Increase Additions or Updates

- Should you need to change or delete the existing FY update email the [WHA Information Center](#)
- Other changes:
 - Add another midyear increase a secondary line item will appear in the online form.
 - To remove a person authorized, contact WHAIC.

Registration Process

- WHAIC uses a Single Sign On Authentication
- If you have an account with WHA, WHAIC, Survey, Wlpop or any other application on our website, login in the application per usual.
- If you have never used the WHA or WHAIC website a secured login will be required.
- Go to the <https://www.whainfocenter.com/>
- Click on Transparency Tab
- Proceed to Upper Right Applications Login, or the Transparency tab or the Hospital Rate Increase Tile.



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If you registered using a Microsoft account (hotmail, outlook.com, or business active directory account) you will log in with that email address and password.

Sign In

Register

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Please enter your work email address to request access to Wlpop. Note: *Enter your hospital or business email so that we can check our records to see if an account already exists.*

Submit



Registration and Approval



Rate Increases

User Information

First Name*

Cindy

Last Name*

Case

Job Title*

Director of Data Management and Integrity

Email*

ccase@wha.org

Business Phone*

Mobile Phone

Organization*

Your Hospital name

Previous

Next



Approval Example

From: WHA App-No Reply <noreply@wha.org>

Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 7:50 AM

Cc: WHA CRM <crm@wha.org>

Subject: Welcome to Wisconsin Hospital Association -

Registration Confirmation

Thank you for signing up for a Wisconsin Hospital Association account.

Application access has been granted for [Application name](#)

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