WHAIC Survey Updates

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CMS Delays Medicare Cost Reports

CMS has released updated information which includes extending the cost report deadline for those with a December 31 FYE to August 31. For more information regarding these deadlines, please see the News and Alerts from the NGS Website.

WHA Information Center (WHAIC) will honor CMSs extension for cost reports, however all other surveys (Annual, Fiscal, Personnel, and Uncompensated Care) will be required by the catastrophic deadline previously agreed upon as we must adhere to data release deadlines. Affirmations will now be accessible to primary and secondary contacts who have completed all surveys, with the exception of the Medicare Cost Report. Below is a listing of deadlines to assist you.

Survey Extended Due Dates	
Medicare Cost Reports & Uploaded Schedule C for December FYE	August 31
Annual, Fiscal, Personnel, Uncompensated Care Surveys	Catastrophic Deadline previously agreed upon by Hospital and WHAIC - no later than August 3.
Affirmation Statement	Due 10 working days after survey submission (with the exception of the cost report) – no later than August 17.

FY Summary FAQ

Included in the electronic affirmation statement, the FY Summary Report (formerly the 3-page report) now includes an FAQ. The new FAQ includes calculations for Adjusted Census, Total Outpatient Visits, Total FTEs, Total Margin, and Operating Margin. If you have any suggestions for other calculations to include, please email whainfocenter@wha.org.

New Website Coming Soon!

We are thrilled to announce that the WHA Information Center website is getting a makeover! The new website, slated to be available by August 1, has a fresh new look that is clean, vibrant, and much more user-friendly. Check out some sneak peeks below.

Surveys

All Wisconsin licensed, Medicare certified, hospitals, including psychiatric hospitals are required to submit survey data on an annual basis to the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC). Submissions include data in areas such as utilization, fiscal, and personnel to be used in publications, datasets, and workforce development. WHAIC collects data pursuant to Chapter 153 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and subject to all terms and conditions as described in ss. DHS120.

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Important Dates

July 16 Thursday

Health System Survey Submission

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HOT TOPICS: Annual Fall Survey Training & Opening of 2020 Surveys

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, **all in-person WHAIC training events have been cancelled** and we will be offering training virtually. Hospital staff will have the choice of attending morning or afternoon training sessions in late October/early November.

More information related to the trainings and Microsoft Teams will be coming in September.

Also, because of the additional extensions given to surveys, the publications will be completed later than normal, causing a later release of the publications. As a result, 2020 surveys will open in late October/early November. Please watch for an email and messages on the portal for notification of their opening.

Reminder to Use Chrome!

Recently, we have been receiving more and more calls and emails from submitters having various issues (functionality, login issues, etc.) with the portal site. Often the solution is to use the Chrome browser.

Internet Explorer is being phased out and Microsoft is bringing on Edge, so new technology on websites is starting to cause issues when using the older browser.

If you have any issues logging into the portal or any functionality problems and are using IE, please try Chrome first before contacting the Information Center.