

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.

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Affirmation Summary Data

[FY Summary Report](#)

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Sign & Submit Affirmation

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2019 Survey Affirmation **001-Amery Regional Medical Center (Amery)**

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This FY Summary Report provides detailed information about your hospital, including (as applicable) general medical-surgical, long-term acute-care, psychiatric, alcohol and other drug abuse, and rehabilitation. The information is drawn from responses to the Annual Survey of Hospitals, the Hospital Fiscal Survey, and the Personnel Survey. Tables present selected measures of utilization, service, staffing and finance. Once the data is published in the Guide, comparison data for hospitals of the same type, in the same analysis area, and for the same patient volume group will be displayed.

To make any corrections, re-open the applicable survey, make corrections and resubmit (including going through the edit process). This will prompt your reports to refresh. Contact WHAIC staff if you have questions.

[Download Preliminary Fiscal Year Summary Report - Printable PDF](#)



[FY Summary FAQ](#)

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.

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Data Submitters

WHA Information Center (WHAIC) has been collecting hospital, ASC and survey discharge data as authorized by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, since 2003 as defined by Chapter 153, Wisconsin Statutes.

Inpatient and outpatient data is collected quarterly through a secure, web-based tool known as **Wipop** to produce public use data sets, custom data sets and three annual publications.

In addition, all Wisconsin hospitals submit Annual, Fiscal, Personnel and Uncompensated Care survey data annually. Data collected from these surveys are used for trending, benchmarking, and other key statistics.

For more information and access to the Wipop or Survey Data Submission Manuals, calendars, training materials, and other updates click on one of the pictures below.

Reporting Requirements



Important Dates & Events

July
Health System Survey Submission
16 Thursday
Add Event to My Calendar

Additional Resources

[Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 153](#)

[Wisconsin Administrative Rule, Chapter DHS 120](#)

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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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Registration & Other Resources

Important Dates



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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.