

Survey Updates



Thank you for submitting the 2022 Surveys! We greatly appreciate your partnership in providing quality data.



2023 Virtual Annual Survey Training

Each facility is responsible for compliance with survey data submission. All Wisconsin Medicare certified hospitals, including psychiatric hospitals, are required to report survey data to the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC) annually, based on their Fiscal Year End. WHAIC collects data pursuant to Chapter 153 of the State Statutes and subject to all terms and conditions as described in ss. DHS 120.

Survey Training Objectives include:

- -Understand how your survey data is used in on-line publications and other data deliverables.
- -Understand the requirements to comply with the timeliness of the surveys according to the calendar.
- -Understand the various types of survey data we collect, and where to find information.
- -Review your roles and registration, reports, and edits.
- -Review any changes expected and/or planned intent.
- -Learn about the AHA/WHAIC survey comparison project goals.

There will be a change to the training sessions this year. Thanks to your feedback, there will be a shortened 1-hour session for established survey users. The established survey user session will focus on new information, changes and will be an open forum to ask questions. As in the past, there will also be a regular 2-hour session for newer survey users, reviewing the entire survey process.

NEW User Session: October 17th, 9:00am-11:00am

Established User Session: October 19th, 9:00am-10:00am CST

Registration is available on the WHA website and/or by clicking the links above.

Upcoming Survey and Calendar Reminders



The FY 2023 Survey Submission site will open on November 1.

Contact us at wha.org with any changes to your list of authorized users. As a reminder, your access is automatically suspended if there's no activity after 15 months. There's no need to reregister. If an account has been deactivated, contact wha.org to request the account to be reactivated.

The Fiscal Year 2023 calendar is now available. You may download a copy of it here. As reminder, in 2022 we combined the Health System survey with the other surveys and the completion due date is included in the FYE timeline. If your facility is part of a system located in Wisconsin, please locate your 900 series facility ID in the facility drop down list to complete your system survey for WI only. Late surveys cause unnecessary delays for the data to be published and for the WHAIC CFO to calculate the hospital tax in August of each year.

Medicare Cost Report (MCR) – to avoid a noncompliance letter, complete the survey and upload the Worksheet/Schedule C. *Due dates are allowed to match CMS due dates, go to the <u>CMS</u> website for more information. If given a CMS extension, please inform WHAIC as soon as possible via email.

New facility/hospital requirements – when a new facility opens, remember the following:

- A Primary contact is needed in order for WHAIC to communicate important information.
- Wait to submit Annual, Fiscal, Uncompensated and Personnel Surveys when they have a full fiscal year.
- Request the hospital to submit a Cost Report (even if a partial year)
- If a facility is licensed separately by the state, it is required to submit its own hospital Annual, Fiscal, Personnel and Uncompensated surveys.
- Hospitals sharing a Medicare Cost Report need to determine the primary location and only need to submit one Cost Report survey and Schedule C.

AHA/WHAIC survey compare project - WHAIC, advocating for our Wisconsin hospitals, has been working on a project with the American Hospital Association (AHA). We've been comparing the WHAIC Annual and Personnel surveys with AHA's WI Addendum to try and reduce redundant questions. Our goal is to move the WI Addendum questions to our Annual and Personnel surveys, so there is less to fill out for AHA, and also to make the WHAIC surveys more robust and useful. More information will be provided at the training sessions. If you notice duplicate questions, redundancies, or questions that no longer pertain to today's environment or have other suggestions, please email us.

We look forward to seeing you at the training sessions!

Thanks for all you do to ensure quality survey data.