

# News and Highlights

## 2016 and 2017 WHAIC Updates

Autumn is quickly approaching, and with that comes the challenge of planning for the changes coming in the New Year. As mentioned in the June newsletter, the [Wisconsin Health Care Data Modernization Act 287](#) was passed in April of this year. This change presents WHAIC with a wide variety of opportunities to improve the data we currently receive, streamline how the data is collected, and expand the data elements we collect.

In July and August, WHAIC conducted several surveys to help us get a baseline understanding about current processes – as well as some preliminary information about the use of the EDI Claim file by data submitters. If you completed the survey, we thank you!

The survey results have helped set the stage for several focus groups we have planned through the remainder of 2016. The focus groups will allow WHAIC to get input from data submitters on several options for moving forward and implementing the changes allowed under Act 287. The focus groups will be a working partnership where we work with you to help formulate the solutions we use to actually implement the changes in the Data Modernization Act.

Once all the focus groups are completed we will share the results and our goals.

As many of you know, we rescheduled our annual training to the spring of 2017. It is our intent that the spring training will include details on any changes needed to support Act 287.

The focus group dates (ASC scheduled for 9/13) are shown below for the sole purpose of advance schedule planning. As always, we will send an email with a registration link. Keep in mind that due to the nature and intent of focus groups, space will be limited.

Hospital Systems Location	Northern Wisconsin Location	Central Wisconsin Location	Southern Wisconsin Location
Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Ctr Innovate Conference Center 2920 W. Dakota Street Milwaukee, WI 53215 <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/MJiG7rwfuzr">https://goo.gl/maps/MJiG7rwfuzr</a> <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> October 24, 2016 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Lakeview Medical Center LMC Conference Rooms 1700 West Stout Street Rice Lake, WI 54868 <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/qwa37K8BSe42">https://goo.gl/maps/qwa37K8BSe42</a> <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> November 4, 2016 9:00 am – 10:30 am	Ministry St. Clare’s Hospital SCH Saint Francis Room 3400 Ministry Parkway Weston, WI 54476 <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/WietxG8ZLaE2">https://goo.gl/maps/WietxG8ZLaE2</a> <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> November 7, 2016 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Wisconsin Hospital Association 5510 Research Park Drive Madison, WI 53711 (Fitchburg, WI ) <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/Z61dWVaf8pQ2">https://goo.gl/maps/Z61dWVaf8pQ2</a> <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> November 9, 2016 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

## Wlpop Reminders

- 1) As we near the end of the year, we want to remind everyone to include their 3-digit facility ID number (found in [Appendix I](#) of the Wlpop Manual) in the subject line or in the body of email messages to us. This will make it much easier for WHAIC to answer your questions quickly and accurately.
- 2) One of the many advantages of recent statutory changes is that WHAIC will be able to start collecting and reporting on more provider types, including most of the qualified health care providers, (e.g. submitting an NPI for a doctor of podiatry medicine (DPM) in the outpatient surgery data instead of 10 zeroes). We will discuss this in more detail at the spring training, but in the meantime if you would like to begin submitting more of your credentialed providers to help us populate the table, please use the updated excel format to do so and continue to send them to [whainfocenter@wha.org](mailto:whainfocenter@wha.org). **Please note:** The current edit is still in effect for non-MD/DO in the Inpatient and Outpatient data until a final decision on data collection changes are announced.

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	<b>NPI #</b>	<b><u>NPI Credential Only:</u></b> <i>Eg. MD, DO, DPM, DDS, CNP, APNP, CRNA, Etc.</i>	<b>WI License #</b>	<b>Provider First &amp; Last Name</b>	<b>Primary Contact or Fac ID</b>
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- 3) External cause codes ICD-10 range V00 – Y99 are statutorily required to be reported on records containing injury codes in the S00-T88 (with exceptions to the T range). See the Wlpop Manual [data parameters pg. 8 & 9](#) for more information on what is required.
- 4) Gender-specific edits most frequently occur with diagnosis and procedure code-related edits. Typically, these are related to transgender patients. As of Q2 2016, *Gender may be 'U' if the patient has an ambiguous gender or is transgender. **Condition Code 45** must be used in Condition Code 2 or 3 field to override the edit in Wlpop.*
- 5) According to the Official Coding Guidelines, A type 1 Excludes note is a pure excludes code. It means "NOT CODED HERE!" An Excludes1 note indicates that the code excluded should never be used at the same time as the code identified in the Excludes1 note. An Excludes1 is used when two conditions cannot occur together, such as a congenital form versus an acquired form of the same condition.

WHAIC followed CMS' lead in October 2015 and suspended this edit until 9/30/2016, until the ICD-10 codes were updated and the new coding guidelines were published. WHAIC will continue to follow the CMS guidance and will enable the edit as of 10/1/2016 dates of service. For more information about

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the use of Exclude1 edits and further guidance on the use of ICD-10 codes and much more, see the [CMS and AMA joint announcement](#) or review the [ICD-10 2017 Coding Guidelines](#).

### **Information Center Staff update!**

Suzanne (Suzy) Staudenmayer has been promoted to WHAIC Data Coordinator. Suzy has been with the WHA Information Center since January 2012. In her new role, she will continue to focus on facilitating the collection of data and other information from WHAIC customers, including monitoring it for accuracy, timeliness, and completeness. Suzy has been doing much of the Wlpop work that Brian Competente had performed over the years and has transitioned to this position with a great deal of respect and appreciation. Congratulations, Suzy!



### **WHA's 2017 Chargemaster workshop: Save the Date!**

This year's workshop will again be led by popular coding expert Glenda Schuler, and she will focus on all the 2017 reporting requirements and new Chargemaster opportunities. Please mark your calendar for this year's program:

**Save The Date:**

**Preparing the Chargemaster for 2017**

**Friday, December 9, 2016**

**Glacier Canyon Lodge at The Wilderness Resort, WI Dells**

Additional information and online registration [are](#) available at: <http://events.SignUp4.net/Chargemaster-1209>.