

News and Highlights



Holiday Observance Hours

11/24 – Closed for Thanksgiving
11/25 – Closed
12/23 – Closed at noon
12/26 – Closed
12/30 – Closed at noon
1/2/17 – Closed

On behalf of the Information Center staff, we would like to wish you a very safe and happy holiday season!!!

WHAIC Updates

Foundations of Wisdom from the Focus Groups

Thank you to all who were able to join us for the focus group discussions over the past few months. We are so grateful for the positive working partnerships and collaborations that were shared. Your contribution to the discussions were invaluable in helping us understand some of your struggles and appreciate the challenges you face with the current text file.

This forum also allowed for a few unplanned changes we are proud to support and share in more detail below, such as NPI changes, adding a summary profile report to Wlpop and facilitating Data User Group meetings in 2017.

Jean Doeringsfeld, vice president of the Information Center, is sharing a summary of your recommendations and opinions with the senior leadership at WHA. A separate communication will be made in December on that.

Long anticipated NPI Changes are coming!

In September we reported that one of the many advantages of the Health Care Modernization Act is that WHAIC will be able to collect and report on more provider types in the outpatient surgery and inpatient data, including most of the qualified health care providers, (e.g. dentist (DDS), doctor of podiatry medicine (DPM), etc.) instead of reporting ten zeroes.

Effective with Q1 data - January 1, 2017 dates of service, the collection and reporting process for NPIs will change. We will no longer require reporting of NPI numbers nor will you be required to map your non MD/DO providers to all zeroes in the inpatient and outpatient surgery data. All NPI numbers will be accepted and validated through an internal process. WHAIC staff is still working out some of the internal procedural details for the process change and will share more information in the coming months.

Please note Q4 2016 will continue to follow the [current process](#) and the edit is still in effect for non-MD/DO in the inpatient and outpatient surgery data. Send your NPIs to the whainfocenter@wha.org in the Excel format.

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Spring Training Dates

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.

With the changes we are anticipating, participation will be imperative. Please add one of the training sessions to your calendar. As usual, we will send out the online registration and other details about six weeks prior to the training.

Thursday, March 9	Rice Lake - WITC
Tuesday, March 14	Madison - Holiday Inn at the American Center
Tuesday, March 21	Pewaukee - Country Springs
Friday, March 24	Green Bay - Tundra Lodge

Did you know?

Once you submit your data in Wlpop, you have the ability to run the validation reports you normally download at the close of the quarter. Simply go to the upper right tool bar in Wlpop and click on Batch/Reports then choose Create Report from the drop down menu. The Wlpop Help button has more information on all of the [validation reports](#).

And, more good news--as of Q4 2016, we are also adding the Summary Profile Report to Wlpop. In addition to the graphs, charts and tables, the first page has been revised to provide an immediate overview of what your Affirmation Statement will encompass. Another change is that declined and unavailable reporting of race and

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ethnicity is more predominantly identified. This will allow users and submitters to take more immediate corrective action. We understand that recognizing issues in the data during the submission process is a shared goal and we appreciate that! Providing a summary of the data submitted will help reduce the amount of time needed to address issues during the validation process at the end of the quarter.

For more information on creating validation reports out of Wlpop, please refer to our [manual](#).

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 your email messages. Having the 3-digit facility ID will enable us to answer your questions more quickly.
- 2) Verification of Wlpop Users - Please remember your facility is responsible for verifying your list of registered Wlpop users. Should you find that changes are needed, contact WHAIC so we can correct it.
- 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.

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:

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>.