News and Highlights

New 837 WIpop Data Submission

Fall Training: This fall, WHAIC has planned a number of training sessions to provide hospitals and ASCs with the resources needed for a successful transition to the 837 file submission format.

You may be asking yourself why should I attend training, I went to the one in March! Some folks have told us that they didn't think they needed to come to training because they only submit the data or fix edits, but don't actually use it. Some have told us that their vendor is taking care of writing the file and so they don't need to know anything about the file or new manual.

Please allow me this opportunity to assure you that the spring training was designed to make all facilities aware of the transition to the new data submission format and what requirements were changing.

Fall training is entirely different. This training will focus exclusively on the details of the new WIpop Manual, 837 Companion Guide and Technical Requirements, and the new 837 File Submission & Testing Requirements.

Consider this, if think you don't need to go to training, ask yourself…

1) Do you really understand all the changes that are taking place?
2) Do you know how to read the newly created 837 file for errors?
3) Do you know how to test your current file against the new 837 file?
4) Do you know what fields WHAIC will be populating for you based on the 837 format?
5) Do you know what changes we're making and prepopulating from the 837 file and what those changes will mean to your historical data and future trending?
6) Do you know how to do comparison testing and what reports are available to do so?
7) Do you know we are distributing a new manual, or how to use the new black box file handler, and utilize the FAQs to your advantage?
8) Do you know how to save your file in Notepad and find errors to fix rejected files?
9) Do you know that the primary contacts will be attesting to your (vendor) work and the accuracy of the file before being able to submit to production?
10) Do you know that even if you do direct data entry, things have changed?

Directly following training, we will be reaching out to each site to get a baseline of where everyone is in the development, testing and status of the 837 file submission.

If you have not already done so, or if you have signed up and decide you really don't need to go, please rethink your strategy. The changes to the data collection were made because data users, the public, hospitals

and ASCs wanted more data, and we wanted to reduce the burden many of you have expressed in changing the current file format or correcting edits. **Please do not contact us to verify you are registered.**

>Login to WIpop to Register<

Fall Training Schedule:

Thursday, September 7   Madison – Wisconsin Hospital Association

Wednesday, September 13   Wisconsin Dells – Wintergreen Resort

Thursday, September 14   Green Bay – Tundra Lodge

Tuesday, September 19   Madison – Wisconsin Hospital Association

Wednesday, September 27   Wausau – Holiday Inn *Afternoon session*

Thursday, September 28   Rice Lake – WITC

Friday, September 29   Pewaukee – Holiday Inn – *morning and afternoon sessions available*

837 Key Elements: The 837 test site is readily available and we are anxiously awaiting more test files. Knowing the contents of your test file, and how it affects your current and historical data, and what we are pulling from your file will be key to understanding the data.

You will also need to analyze your data by comparing your current extract file side-by-side with the new 837 file. For hospitals that submit data using the repetitive services type of record, keep in mind that when you are testing and doing comparative analysis, that place of service category will not be assigned in the new system. All revenue codes in the mapping scheme have a distinct place of service.

Working with Vendors: We strongly encourage you to be involved, make arrangements for our team to participate in any discussions related to creating and mapping the 837 file. Most people that participate in these calls find them very useful and an encouraging way to collaborative with us and their vendor.

WIpop Online Training
As has been available in the past, training materials will be posted online. However, participating in a webinar or listening to a video is simply not the same as live in-person training. Our focus for the remainder of the year will be to work with hospitals and ASCs to conduct testing, evaluate historical data against the newly designed submission format, and moving sites from test to production. In other words, we will not be doing individualized training on edits, changes in WIpop, validation or other submission issues.

There will be an online web-based video tutorial available for review sometime in late October. **A notice will be made on the WIpop portal when the video is available.**

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