



Headline News: End of an ERA

No More Passwords on Quarter End Processing Reports!



Effective with Q2, Quarter End Processing, WHAIC will no longer require you to copy and paste passwords into 7zip to open up the validation reports.

After careful consideration and consultation with our chief information security officer, WHAIC will be removing the password protection requirement from the portal reports. Upon review of the process, users are already logged in with a password when they retrieve these reports, so adding a secondary layer of passwords seemed redundant. In addition, because this password was required at download, the onus is really on the hospital or ASC to ensure the privacy and security of that data once it has left our system.

And, as an added bonus, going forward, instead of getting multiple downloads and files, you will get one downloadable file that contains all your reports. Be sure to review the cover page document as that has your due dates on it.

As a reminder, the Affirmation Statement is in the Portal, in Data Deliverables, under the Data Affirmation Tab. Do not sign until validation is complete, or a new one would need to be submitted if the quarter is reopened.

Wipop Training Update

On July 1, a Wipop Training Survey was sent out to nearly 300 contacts to gauge interest in fall training. I received 81 responses with a split of in-person and virtual training requested.

Since then, to our surprise the COVID cases have spiked and continue to rise. Which unfortunately, led us to the decision to only host virtual training again this year.

Let's hope we can get back to live training in 2022! In the meantime, the dates below will be on the registration form in the coming weeks for you to choose from. They will all be morning sessions (9am – 11am) with the last date being dedicated to ASCs.

I would encourage you to save one of these three virtual Microsoft Teams session training dates:

- Thursday, September 16
- Tuesday, September 21
- Wednesday, September 29

August 6, 2021

Why should you attend the Wlpop Annual Training? Training provides all users an opportunity to get to know the staff, become familiar enough and comfortable to ask questions, we will provide an introduction and highlights of the Wlpop manual, cover common submission questions, any notable changes to the submission process and any issues or hot topics we address throughout the year. This is also a great opportunity to network with others.

We hope to see you there!

Congratulations to Jennifer Mueller! She is now the new AHIMA President Elect 😊



Jennifer Mueller, MBA, RHIA, FACHE, FAHIMA, is vice president and privacy officer at the Wisconsin Hospital Association Information Center (WHAIC). Prior to working at WHAIC, she spent 19 years as vice president and CIO at Watertown Regional Hospital in Watertown, WI.

Mueller has served the Wisconsin Health Information Management Association (WHIMA) twice as President and in other leadership roles. She has received several awards, including the WHIMA Rising Star, Motivator, and Distinguished Member. Nationally, Mueller has been on the AHIMA Privacy and Security Practice Council and is currently on the AHIMA Board of Directors. She has a bachelor's degree in HIM as well as a master's in business administration, both from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and of AHIMA.

Jennifer will be an incredible asset to the AHIMA organization!