



Hello and happy spring!

Spring is an inspiring time for new beginnings, innovative ideas, and fresh perspectives. Each year we try to do better than the last, and let's be honest given the last two, it shouldn't be too hard to do that 😊.

Although the past few years have been a challenge, in the world of healthcare there's no such thing as slowing down ideas and innovations to keep things moving in the right direction. Which is something we talk about often, and we want you to know how grateful we are to work with such great folks dedicated to working with us to keep moving in the right direction. So, from all of us to you ~ Thank You!



WIpop Updates

With Q1 2022 data fast approaching, we here at WHAIC would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few data submission reminders and share some new information. As a healthcare data collection organization, we understand the COVID Pandemic has played a significant role in each of your organizations from staffing shortages, personal healthcare, restructuring, to mergers and acquisitions. Once again, we would like to share our appreciation for all you do to make sure the data is the best it can be.

Having said that, we also need to reiterate that we collect over 3 million records each quarter and operate with only a few staff on a very tight timeline. Below are some reminders and new information that we'd like to share.

WI Statutory Data Submission Requirements and Reminders:

- **WIpop reminders to keep things moving throughout the quarter.**
 - Please confirm or work with your technical support to make sure all the required fields are **pulling from the actual claim**. We still see some remapped or missing details.
 - We are continuing to encourage facilities to make every effort to report data monthly.
 - *As previously noted, in 2022 WHAIC will be releasing the mapped commercial names of the payers in the datasets – please be sure to review your payer reports in the WIpap Portal or in the Quarterly File Downloads!*
 - Remember to mark your batch files complete once all the edits are resolved.



- Reports are available in real-time in Wlpop (Batch/Reports) once the data is loaded. Running real-time reports will reduce the amount of time needed at the end of the quarter to validate.
- **New Users.**
 - WHAIC staff does not add new users for a facility. Each new user must register to the portal. Please review the [registration process](#) in the manual for more information.
- **Are you changing vendors?**
 - Include data submission requirements, obligations and the timeline when changing vendors.
 - Verify the name of the vendor is accurate when logging into the portal. If the vendor listed is incorrect, contact us at whainfocenter@wha.org to update it in our database.
- **What's NEW in 2022**
 - **New Payer Edits.**
 - **Effective Q2 2022** to avoid edits, verify the remapping of OTH-54 (Veteran extra coverage) is reported using CHA-03.
 - **Observation Revenue Code:** Review Coding Guidance [According to CMS](#) *hospital observation services*.
 - **Effective Q3 2022**, WHAIC will move Revenue Code 0760 from WHAIC Place of Service (POS) 3 to POS 6 to conform to current billing guidelines and hospital usage.
 - Claims containing Revenue Code 0762 will continue to be routed and counted as straight OBS.
 - **Review your data and sign the affirmation statement as soon as possible.**
 - **Effective Q4 2022** we will be cutting out the extra week from the deadline to validate the return date to get the affirmation signed and returned. More often than not, we are noting that the primary contact is the delegated authority, by the facility, to sign off as soon as the data is reviewed. Although some facilities may require approval from executive staff, we believe an extra week is excessive and only delays the process unnecessarily.

Save the date for 2022 In-Person Training

For the first time in two years, we will be hosting in-person training. Training provides data submitters, editors and others who use or submit data to better understand the process, what goes into sending the data, why you are doing what you are doing, who uses the data and how to best handle those pesky edits. This is also your opportunity to ask questions, meet the staff and address any issues or make suggestions.



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| Thursday, August 25 | Holiday Inn | Pewaukee |
| Thursday, September 1 | Holiday Inn | Rice Lake |
| Thursday, September 8 | Holiday Inn | Green Bay |
| Wednesday, September 21 | Holiday Inn | Madison |



Welcome Justin Flory!

Hi all! My name is Justin Flory and I have taken over for the notorious (retired) Jim Cahoy as the health care data programmer. Although, I have some very big shoes to fill, I am excited to get the chance to help answer any questions from a technical support point of view.

A little bit about myself, I graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science. This is my first foray into the medical world, but I am learning more everyday about how our company collects facilities' data in order to get meaningful medical statistics in Wisconsin.



One of my biggest goals in this role is to not only continue to uphold WHAIC's high standards for accurate reporting through Wlpop, but to be a resource for facilities needing guidance or help navigating through our submission process. While most programmers tend to work behind the scenes, I welcome your ideas and am more than happy to field questions directly when it comes to 837 file structure or the Wlpop data submission process. Whainfocenter@wha.org

Take a moment to celebrate HIP week

What is a Health Information Professional?



Health information professionals see the person connected to the data, and work tirelessly to ensure their information stays human—because when information stays human, it stays relevant. This perspective is critical to the success of all modern health organizations.

Please take a moment (less than a minute) to celebrate you and all you do keep health information human. <https://youtu.be/TohPgbsp8Qk>



In fact, the Wisconsin Hospital Association (WHA) advocates on behalf of its 130-plus member hospitals and health systems to enable the delivery of high-quality, high-value care to the citizens of Wisconsin. In 2021 the WHA Government Relations Team began to lobby the state legislature to make violence against a healthcare worker a felony! It is now a **felony to commit battery against a nurse, an emergency medical care provider or a person who is working in an emergency department.**

For more information on the updated law, see the WHA March 23, 2022, Press Release:

<https://www.wha.org/Release-Health-Care-Workers-Better-Protected-Under-New-Law>

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