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## *Wipop News*



As 2022 comes to a close, on behalf of everyone at the [WHA Information Center](#) we would like to thank you for all you do to make sure the data is sent in, accurate and complete. We couldn't do as much as we do without you! May the holiday season end this year on a cheerful note for you and your loved ones. We wish you a very happy and safe holiday season and warm wishes for the New Year!

### **2023 Data Collection & Wipop Reminders**

**New Payer ID – MPC-09!** WHAIC released the mapped commercial payer name in the datasets in Q122. The value of this information exceeded all of our expectations. In fact, the data users found it so valuable, they have asked us to identify Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) in the data using a specific mapped code. Therefore, throughout the next quarter (Q4) and as time permits, we are asking you to map your Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage Plans) to the new code **MPC-09**. Effective with Q12023 data we will begin to include to the best of our ability this new code in the data release.

Please see the example below. Most Medicare Part C Advantage Plans are tied to a commercial insurance carrier, usually an HMO and will have the term Medicare on the card.



**Payer ID / NAIC field** – Review your file to make sure you are not mapping this field to a payer name, strange words, or other unrelated information. We are doing our own internal mapping of the NAIC# and/or Payer identification (ID) on the EDI file sent to WHAIC. We can only do our part if you do yours.

**REAL Data** - In 2023, the data collection process will include more emphasis on better collection of race, ethnicity, and language. Today, we barely have a 2% compliance rate for **secondary race** collection. With that, we are asking you to work with your vendor, patient registration and other departments to report more than one race. The language collection is about a 50/50 rate in that 50% of our facilities, including large health systems do not submit any language detail. I will be contacting those that have a zero percent rate of collection in 2023 in an effort to improve the overall value of the data sets.

**Calendar** - The 2023 Wipop [calendar](#) has been posted on our [website](#) additional file information may be found under the Data Submitters Tab.

**Edits** - Please be timely in your submissions and edits (if possible, submit monthly data.) Reports are available in real-time once the data is uploaded. Also, I'm seeing the files are getting loaded timely, but the edits are left until the end of the quarter. Please be sure to work the edits when the data is submitted.

**Facility ID** – We would like to remind everyone to be mindful to include your 3-digit facility ID in your communications with us. With all the new staff, mergers, acquisitions, additions to hospital systems, etc. we need the facility ID to locate your site and address your questions in a timely manner.

**Educational Opportunities** - WHA offers several educational opportunities that are cost-effective throughout the year. Many of these opportunities are offered both onsite and web based. For example, starting January 23, 2023, there is a self-study Chargemaster modules with CEU credits for only 150.00.

Please see the WHA.org site [Education and Event's](#) tab Education Event - Chargemaster Update to register for this opportunity.

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## A note from the Wisconsin Hospital Association President & CEO, Eric Borgerding.



Eric Borgerding,  
President/CEO, WHA

WHA's vision is to be the unifying voice for Wisconsin's hospitals and health systems and the state's most trusted and influential health policy advocate. Many of our advocacy advances is a direct result of the data that is provided by each one of you, our hospital representatives, and making sure it's an accurate representation of the patients seen.

In many ways, 2023 is shaping up to be one of the most challenging of the pandemic years yet, and we will again have our work cut out for us. But today, we remind you to take some due pride in the part you play in building, growing, and sustaining the WHA and WHAIC organizations. Your commitment is much appreciated!

The WHA and WHAIC encourages you to read the [2022 Annual Report](#) to better understand the service and commitment we offer our member hospitals.

*Have a safe and happy holiday!*