



Wipop News
We're 20!



WHAIC is celebrating its 20th Year! *It's hard to believe, but here we are, going strong, building better data systems, robust data sets, creating an exciting tomorrow with the best data around!* We will be taking every opportunity throughout the year to share this special occasion, with you – our information partners, and what it means to us to reach this milestone.

Save the date for 2023 Annual Training!

Speaking of celebrating... Once again, we will offer in-person Wlpop and data submission training throughout the state. We have several new and exciting updates to share at the annual training this year! The Wlpop site has been going through a much-needed facelift to modernize the look and feel, provide a seamless customer experience and an overall intuitive improvement. Please watch for more information in the coming months.

As usual, all sessions are held in the morning from 9-11:30.

Thursday, September 28	Green Bay
Friday, September 29	Rice Lake
Tuesday, October 3	Milwaukee
Wednesday, October 4	Madison

Do you know how your data is used?

We often talk about the importance of data and submitting it timely in its entirety, creating accurate claim files, data uses and importance of mapping the claim files correctly, but have you ever considered who in your organization purchases the data, how they use it, and for what purposes?

To emphasize how the data is utilized, I'd like to share with you a piece Jennifer Mueller, the Vice President of the Information Center, wrote as an announcement for a new payor dashboard coming soon!

The WHA Information Center has been collecting data, including payor data, for the past twenty years in accordance with state statute 153. The data collected from our Wisconsin hospitals and ASCs allow for a robust set of analytic tools to be built and used by WHA members and other applicable data purchasers. The WHAIC currently has 20 dashboards (plus 12 available to SHIP Grant participants) in its “toolkit” and we anticipate the Payor Detail Dashboard to be one of the most sought-after. Why? Because beginning with first quarter, 2022 data, the WHAIC Payor Detail Dashboard will visualize volume and charges by individual commercial payor, as well as both Medicare and Medicaid. The data further breaks down to show more detail by facility, by service line and by primary diagnosis or principal procedure. Organizations can begin to analyze questions such as:

- Why are patients in selected zip codes with selected payor(s) going to competitor hospitals?
- What are competitor hospitals providing that my organization does not offer, or have limited capacity to provide?
- Is there a new technology that my organization could be leveraging?
- Are amenities at competitor hospitals creating a competitive differentiation?
- Do the lost volumes substantiate recruiting additional providers?



- Could there be a possibility to partner with other healthcare organizations to enhance care delivery to the communities?

This dataset includes access to inpatient, outpatient surgery, observation, and emergency department data. (Please note that Other Hospital Outpatient (OHO) data is also available to purchase as an add on.) If you or someone from your organization would like more information, please contact [Brian Competente](#) for details.

Wlpop Reminders!

New Payer Code: MPC – 09

Please remember to map those Medicare Part C aka Medicare Advantage members to the new MPC code.

[Payers and Payer Mapping](#) – when is the last time you reviewed your payer validation reports? You might be surprised to learn there are a few new codes to use or remove! And this is the perfect opportunity to verify if your files include the Payer Identification number that would allow us (WHAIC) to improve the validity of the payer data.

Provider-Based Clinics/Locations

“Provider-Based” status is a Medicare status for hospitals and clinics that meet specific Medicare regulations and requires that bill Medicare in two parts – one bill for the physician service, and another bill for the hospital/facility resources and services. *If you are reporting outpatient clinic facility charges on an 837I those services must be reported to WHAIC as outpatient services. There are validation reports provided quarterly in the portal and also available in real-time in Wlpop for your review. If you have a clinic that should be added, updated, or removed from your data reporting, contact us at whainfocenter@wha.org.*

[WHA Education and Events](#)

WHA and WHAIC offers a number of learning opportunities throughout the year such as [Advocacy Day](#) – which we encourage you to attend, Health Care Revenue Cycle Management, and the soon to be announced Kaavio summer bag lunch series scheduled for 6/7, 7/12, and 8/23, and many more. We encourage you to join in one or many of these affordable (often times free) opportunities.

ASC Dashboard

Jennifer Mueller, WHA Information Center VP and Privacy Officer, had the pleasure of attending the recent Wisconsin Ambulatory Surgery Center (WISCA) conference to discuss the ASC data. During her presentation, Mueller highlighted the debut of the new ASC dashboard that is available behind the WISCA member portal, ([here](#)), as a WISCA member benefit. Mueller explained the dashboard is designed to provide a high level look at total volume (or charges), by procedure, for each facility compared to others selected. The volumes (or charges) are trended, by quarter, over the past twelve quarters, and can be further drilled down by payor. It also sheds light on where (by county) the patient population is coming from. For more information, ASC's may contact us at whainfocenter@wha.org.

Health Information Professionals (HIP) Week takes place April 18-24, 2023!

We want to take a moment and thank you for all you do and to remind you that you are an important valuable asset to your organization and to us. As a Health Information Professional, you deserve to be recognized for the work you do and the impact you make on an organization, your teams, your colleagues, work families and others. AHIMA's theme this year is Health Information Powers Innovation. Our superpower is advancing innovation while ensuring that data remains accurate, complete, accessible, and protected for every patient.

Join the Health Information Professionals celebration on WHA's social media platforms. On April 18, watch for our "HIP Week" celebration post, and be sure to share it with your network. #HIPsuperpower

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