

WHIO 2.0: Frequently Asked Questions for Analysts

When will WHIO's new system be available to analysts?

We anticipate that the first products will be available by the end of March 2019. More information about the new WHIO 2.0 system will be shared in the coming months.

Will I be able to receive a physical copy of the data?

WHIO will continue to offer a copy of the data through standard file set(s). We recognize that some organizations have their own enterprise business intelligence (BI) tools and prefer to integrate WHIO data directly into their data warehouse to produce queries and develop their own customized reports. We anticipate that the new system will support greater flexibility in producing and delivering data sets that will be useful to you.

What analytic tools will be offered to analysts to access the data?

Since organizations who have a need to query the WHIO data directly have typically integrated a physical copy of the data into their own enterprise BI environment, WHIO will no longer provide a BI query tool. However, WHIO will offer a modern online portal with access to a library of pre-built informational reports related to common analytic use cases.

What new reports will be available?

WHIO 2.0 will include pre-defined reports and templates that will make it easier for analysts and end-users to quickly access frequently sought-after analyses. We are currently evaluating which reports will be available at "go-live", with others to follow. Our current thinking is that the WHIO 2.0 should include provider performance measurement and benchmarking, market share and leakage analyses. Use of these pre-defined reports will free up your time to work on analyses specific to your organization. We welcome your input and suggestions on which pre-defined reports would be most useful to you.

What groupers will be used?

We recognize the importance of value-added data enhancements such as groupers and risk adjustment methods that provide efficiencies and useful content to analysts, such as episodes of care and service-level categories. The WHIO staff is currently evaluating options to identify a solution that will bring analytic value to all users of the WHIO information system. More information will be shared once this decision has been finalized.

What training will WHIO offer?

WHIO will conduct training prior to and after go-live for all products to ensure that you are informed and comfortable using the new system and products. We will also make training materials and end-user documentation available for your ongoing reference.

Who should I contact if I have ideas to share or questions?

Please don't hesitate to work with any of the WHIO staff with whom you have worked most closely. We welcome your questions and are here to help.

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