

# SPARCS Update

## General Announcements

### *ICD-10 Testing*

SPARCS Operations is in their final stage of internal testing of ICD-10 codes. We anticipate opening testing to all facilities by the end of February.

## Compliance

### *Quarterly Compliance*

#### **The First and Second Quarter 2014 SPARCS Reconciliation**

Compliance period ended on December 31, 2014. As the compliance process is based upon the monthly upload to the Master file, facilities were able to continue to report data until January 6, 2015 at 5:00 P.M. The compliance reports used for determination were posted the week of January 12, 2015 at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/sparcs/reports/compliance/>.

Eleven healthcare facilities failed to complete the submission of SPARCS data for the period, January to June, 2014, before the deadline. The healthcare facility's C.E.O.s or administrators received a Statement of Deficiency for failure to submit sufficient SPARCS data.

#### **The Third Quarter 2014 SPARCS Reconciliation Compliance**

period requires the submission of 100% of SPARCS data for discharges and visits that occurred in the months of July, August, and September 2014 by **March 31, 2015**. The third and final warning notice will be sent the week of March 9th based upon the master file upload on March 4, 2015.

### *Monthly Compliance*

Healthcare facilities were required to submit 95% of the discharges and visits that occurred in the month of November 2014 by **January 31, 2014**. Emails were sent to coordinators of facilities that failed to submit any outpatient or inpatient

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SPARCS data for the month of November 2014. The audit report, dated 2/4/2015, was used to make this determination.

## Data Release

### Data Governance Committee

The SPARCS Data Governance Committee held a meeting on January 21, 2015. The following SPARCS data requests were presented:

Request	Project Title	Organization
0901-03 (A)	Acute Ischemic Stroke Part A: Quality across Episodes of Care, Predetermining Risk Factors and Stroke Severity Adjustments Using Novel SPARCS Resource Utilization measures and Post-Acute Rehabilitation Linkages  Acute Ischemic Stroke Part B: Novel SPARCS Resource Utilization Measures as proxy for Stroke-Severity and validation in the Northern Manhattan Study	Columbia University
1501-01	A Statewide Analysis of the Quality, Complaint, and Demographics of Readmissions Following Breast Reconstructive Surgery	Stony Brook Medicine, Department of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
1501-02	SAMHSA National Strategy for Suicide Prevention (NSSP) Grant	NYS Office of Mental Health, Bureau of Psychiatric Services, Suicide Prevention Office

The next meeting of the SPARCS Data Governance Committee will be held on March 4, 2015.

### Limited and Identifiable

SPARCS data request applications should be submitted to [sparcs.requests@health.ny.gov](mailto:sparcs.requests@health.ny.gov). For the list of all approved identifiable data requests, visit the public website at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/sparcs/dgc/>

The following organizations received limited or identifiable SPARCS data files from December 1, 2014 through January 31, 2015:

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Data Type</b>	<b>Years</b>
1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East	Limited	2013
Adirondack Medical Center	Limited	2011-2014
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center	Limited	2009-2013
Dutchess County Department of Health	Limited	2013-2014
Health Market Science, Inc.	Limited	2013
Hospital for Special Surgery	Identifiable	2007
IPRO	Identifiable	2013-2014
iVantage Health Analytics	Limited	2014
Johns Hopkins University	Identifiable	1998-2009
Montefiore Medical Center	Identifiable	1995-2011
Mount Sinai Medical Center	Identifiable	2011-2013
New York Academy of Medicine	Identifiable	1995-2013
New York Presbyterian Hospital	Identifiable	2012-2013
New York University School of Medicine	Identifiable	2012-2013
Nuance Communications, Inc.	Limited	2012
NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation Replacement	Limited	2012-2013
NYS Office of Mental Health	Identifiable	2013
NYU Lagone Medical Center	Identifiable	2000-2013
Sophical Solutions	Limited	2014
Stony Brook Long Island Children's Hospital	Identifiable	2013
Stony Brook University Hospital	Limited	2013
SUNY Downstate Medical Center	Limited	2012-2013
SUNY Stony Brook - Department of Obstetrics	Identifiable	2008-2013
Treo Solutions	Identifiable	2013-2014
Truven	Identifiable	2013-2014
University of California - Berkeley	Identifiable	2013
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine	Limited	2013
Vermont Department of Health	Limited	2013

## Submitter Notes

### *Healthcare Facility's Own Data*

Healthcare Facility's Own Data (HOD) in the X12-837 version is currently available on the Health Commerce System.

### *Regulations*

With the adoption of the amended SPARCS regulations in September 2014, compliance will be expanded to include data quality as a basis. The first phase of integration of quality as a component of compliance will have SPARCS Operations begin producing reports that evaluate the quality of submitted SPARCS data. As these are finalized, the reports will be placed on our website, and staff will be contacting facilities to go over the reports with them.

### *Reporting of EODC Data*

For those Expanded Outpatient Data records that contain only one (1) revenue code, if that revenue code is any of the following values, then that record is not to be submitted to SPARCS. Those revenue code values are:

- 025X – Pharmacy
- 027X – Medical/Surgical Supplies and Devices
- 030X – Laboratory
- 031X – Laboratory (Pathology)
- 032X – Radiology (Diagnostic)
- 062X – Medical Surgical Supplies
- 063X – Pharmacy

### **We welcome comments and feedback.**

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