

## SPARCS Description of Quality Report

### Report Name(s):

- PhysLic\_IP\_Year
- PhysLic\_OP\_Year

### Report description:

- Validation of practitioner license numbers submitted with SPARCS data against the NYS Education Department license file.

### Name of Data Element(s):

- Attending/Emergency Department Physician 1 State License Number.
- Operating/Emergency Department Physician 2 State License Number.
- Other/Emergency Department Physician 3 State License Number.

### Used For:

- Identification of the New York State licensed practitioner providing care to the patient.

### Frequency of Report:

- Beginning in April, 2008 with February, 2008 discharges, SPARCS will producing license match quality reports on a quarterly basis. The effective date of the SED license file will be printed on the report.
- The license match will become a threshold passing edit on intake beginning some time in 2009 (see below).

### Criteria for Maintaining Quality or Meeting Threshold:

- SPARCS uses the State Education Department's (SED) licensure file for matching to a valid license number within license type (physician, nurse practitioner, physician's assistant).
- Reported licenses in the 3 elements must match to a valid license on the SED file.

### Impact of Poor Reporting:

- Practitioners in facilities may be practicing with an expired or inactive professional license.
- Incorrectly reported license numbers may reflect inadequacies with a facility's internal credentialing processes.
- SPARCS files may be rejected when a "PASSING PERCENTAGE" threshold is implemented. For example, if the pass threshold for license matches is determined to be 90% of records submitted and the facility's submission falls below that threshold, the entire submission will be rejected. (The actual threshold will be based on statewide averages and will be incremented over time to 90%.)