

SPARCS Description of Quality Report

Report Name:

- POA_DOH

Report Description:

- This report is similar to the Potentially Preventable Complications (PPC) Report associated with the Present On Admission Indicator put out by 3M Health Information Systems. The PPC module identifies potentially preventable complications from among secondary diagnoses that were not present on admission. One of the first steps within the PPC module is to analyze the Present On Admission Indicator data for each facility. 3M Health Information Systems analyzes the POA Indicator on a yearly basis with no differentiation between the 'Payers' for the hospital visit. This Quality Report divides the yearly time period into bi-yearly periods and the 'Payer' is broken down into 3 sub-categories (Medicaid, Medicare, Other.) This was done so hospitals could further analyze their facility data on a smaller time scale with more emphasis on the 'Payer.'

Name of Data Element(s):

- Present On Admission (POA)

Used For:

- The Present On Admission for diagnoses other than the Principal Diagnosis indicates whether the diagnosis was present on admission to the hospital.
- The Present On Admission Indicator is also used by different organizations as an indicator for purposes such as reimbursement or payment. An example of an organization that uses this indicator for reimbursement or payment purposes is the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The CMS publication describing this requirement is 'Pub 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing', posted May 11, 2007.

Frequency of Report:

- Beginning in April 2008 with data for 2006 through 2007, SPARCS will produce bi-yearly reports on a bi-yearly basis.

Criteria for Maintaining Quality or Meeting Threshold:

- Criteria 1: Present On Admission Indicator specified as 'Uncertain' should not exceed 10% of the overall POA Indicators for that given bi-yearly period.
- Criteria 2: Present On Admission Indicator specified as 'Present on Admission' should not exceed 99% of the overall POA Indicators for that given bi-yearly period.
- Criteria 3: Present On Admission Indicator specified as 'Not Present on Admission' should not exceed 50% of the overall POA Indicators for that given bi-yearly period.

Impact of Poor Reporting:

- Incorrectly reported Present On Admission Indicators may:
 - Reflect insufficiencies with a facility's coding processes.
 - Decreases the integrity of SPARCS data used by the New York State government agencies and researchers alike.