

SPARCS Description of Quality Report

Report Name:

- ICR&YR&IP

Report Description:

- The ICR, which contains your facilities financial data, is compared to the SPARCS data set, which contains your patient medical records or discharge billing information. A comparison including Inpatient Discharges, Inpatient Day Count, Inpatient ALS (Average Length of Stay), Outpatient Ambulatory Surgery Admits and Outpatient Emergency Department Admits has been completed. This comparison is broken down by both PFI and OPCERT. The New York State Totals for each category are also included with each column of this comparison.
- Previously, a 2000-2004 report was made available to facilities for use with the Commission on Health Care in the 21st Century (Berger Commission). This current report compares your ICR data for 2005 and 2006 to the SPARCS data.

Name of Data Element(s):

- Discharge Date
- Admission Date

Used For:

- The combined use of these two data sets provides a validating mechanism between the Institutional Cost Report filed with the Department and the discharge data reported to SPARCS.

Frequency of Report:

- These reports are prepared on an annual basis.

Criteria for Maintaining Quality or Meeting Threshold:

- We are introducing a new monitoring range of +/- 3% variation for this ICR/SPARCS comparison. This new performance metric is an effort to keep both the ICR data and the SPARCS data at a high standard of quality.

Impact of Poor Reporting:

- Incorrectly reported Institutional Cost Reports (ICR) or SPARCS data may:
 - Reflect insufficiencies with a facility's coding processes.
 - Decrease the integrity of the ICR and SPARCS data used by the New York State Government and researchers alike.