SPARCS Data Release Notes

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The following is a list of currently known data issues with data extracts to external data requestors.

The SPARCS program is working with its vendor Optum to correct these issues as quickly as possible and will keep users updated as changes occur. We welcome your feedback. If you believe other issues exist, please contact SPARCS at sparcs.requests@health.ny.gov.

Known data issues with SPARCS data:

1. Data element Facility ID (FAC_ID) may have multiple names (FACILITY_NAME) associated with it. One issue causing this is that some names will appear UPPER case and others mixed case. Another issue causing this is name changes by the facilities. ** This issue will be resolved in a future data release. **

2. Data element Marital Status (PAT_MRITL_STS) will have an incorrect blank for those records with a processed date prior to March 26, 2018. ** This issue will be resolved in a future data release. **

3. For the Race table, data element Race (PAT_RACE_CD) is blank for all records with a processed date (PROCESSED_DT) of March 26, 2018 or after. This is an obsolete New York State specific data element that will be retained for historical use. The data with a processed date of March 26, 2018 or after will use the CDC Race code (RACE_ETHNIC_CD).

4. For the Race table, data element Ethnicity (PAT_ETHNIC_CD) is blank for all records with a processed date (PROCESSED_DT) of March 26, 2018 or after. This is an obsolete New York State specific data element that will be retained for historical use. The data with a processed date of March 26, 2018 or after will use the CDC Race code (RACE_ETHNIC_CD).

5. For the Race table, data element Race/Ethnicity (RACE_ETHNIC_CD) may have incorrect blanks and invalid values. ** This issue will be resolved in a future data release. **
6. For the Diagnosis and Procedure tables, some CCS classification (DX_GRP_CD or PROC_GRP_CD) values are incorrect or missing. ** This issue will be resolved in a future data release. **

7. Data elements UPID (UNIQUE_PERSONAL_ID) and Enhanced UPID (UPIDE) may have invalid values; special characters, lower case, and/or blanks. ** This issue will be resolved in a future data release. **

8. For the Provider table, data with a processed date (PROCESSED_DT) prior to March 26, 2018 will use the state license number (ST_LIC_NUMB). State license number is no longer required. The data with a processed date of March 26, 2018 or after will use the National Provider ID (PROV_NPI). ** A map is in development for a future data release. **