

# SPARCS Update

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## General Announcements

### *ICD-10 Testing/Production*

The October 1, 2015 implementation of ICD-10 reporting for SPARCS inpatient discharges and outpatient services is now in production. If you would like to test your SPARCS data prior to submitting to production, then please send it to test (ISA15=T). Please be aware that exceptions for facilities that are non-compliant will not be granted due to unsuccessful submissions of ICD-10 production data. If you have any questions about the ICD-10 beta or production process, please call the SPARCS program at 518-473-8144.

### *ICR to SPARCS*

On October 8, 2015 SPARCS coordinators of healthcare facilities with inpatient services received an email containing a report comparing the data submitted to SPARCS and the Institutional Cost Report (ICR) reported data for the year 2013. In the coming weeks SPARCS staff will be contacting the SPARCS coordinators of those facilities not meeting the thresholds.

### *2014 File Now Complete*

Based on the evaluation of SPARCS data submissions thru September 2, 2015, the 2014 SPARCS Inpatient and Outpatient data files have been deemed 'complete'.

### *Permissions*

SPARCS has initiated a review of healthcare facilities' Health Commerce System SPARCS upload permissions. Access to the hospital's own data is controlled by the SPARCS coordinators. Emails will be sent to the SPARCS coordinators showing the persons with current access and a request for verification of the continued need for this access.

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# Compliance

## Quarterly Reconciliation

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reconciliation ended September 30, 2015. All SPARCS data for the visits/discharges in the months of January to March 2015 were required to be submitted by that date. SPARCS allows two one-month extensions for facilities having difficulty submitting their data. As several hospitals have requested extensions, the first quarter 2015 SPARCS data is not yet deemed complete.

October begins the email reminders for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Reconciliation period. All SPARCS data for the months of April to June 2015 is due by December 31, 2015. SPARCS issues three warning notices. The dates of the notices are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> warning notice will be issued the week of October 13, 2015. This will be issued as a mass email to all the SPARCS coordinators.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> warning notice will be issued the week of November 9, 2015. This will be issued as a mass email to all the SPARCS coordinators.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> warning notice will be issued the week of December 7, 2015. This email will be issued as an individual email to the SPARCS coordinators and their C.E.O.'s.

## Monthly Compliance

95% of SPARCS data is due 60 days from the end of the month of the visit or discharge. Fifty-seven healthcare facilities received a warning notice for submitting either no inpatient and/or no outpatient SPARCS for discharges or visits occurring in the month of July 2015.

Discharge/Visit month	Monthly Submission 95% due by the end of month	First Quarter 2015 Reconciliation Activities
April 2015	June 2015	
May 2015	July 2015	
June 2015	August 2015	
July 2015	September 2015	2nd Quarter Reconciliation period
August 2015	October 2015	2nd Quarter Reconciliation period
September 2015	November 2015	2nd Quarter Reconciliation period
October 2015	December 2015	2nd Quarter Reconciliation period 1st Warning Email Week of October 13, 2015
November 2015	January 2016	2nd Quarter Reconciliation period 2nd Warning Email Week of November 9, 2015
December 2015	February 2016	2nd Quarter Reconciliation period 3 <sup>rd</sup> Warning Email Week of December 7, 2015 <b>Data Due December 31, 2015</b>
January 2016		Statement of Deficiency Issued

## Data Release

### Data Governance Committee

The SPARCS Data Governance Committee held a meeting on September 30, 2015. The following SPARCS identifiable data requests were presented to the Committee during this meeting:

Request #	Project Title	Organization Name
1101-12 (S)	HANYS New York State Clinical Database	Healthcare Association of New York State
1202-09 (A3)	Outcomes for New York State Residents who Received Intensive Care	New York Presbyterian
1509-01	Environmental exposure and public health outcomes	SUNY School of Public Health
1509-04	Inpatient and Outpatient Data for use in (www.infoshare.org)	CUNY Queens College Urban Studies Department

The next meeting of the SPARCS Data Governance Committee will be held on November 9, 2015.

### Limited and Identifiable

The following organizations received SPARCS data files from August 7, 2015 through October 7, 2015.

Organization	Data Type	Years
Albany College of Pharmacy	Limited	1998-2013
Albany College of Pharmacy	Limited	2011 - 2014
CBIZ KA Consulting Services, LLC	Limited	2014
Comparion Medical Analytics, Inc.	Limited	2014
CUNY Queens College	Identifiable	2000-2014
George Washington University	Limited	2009-2014
Gold Health Strategies, Inc.	Identifiable	2013
Intellimed International Corporation	Limited	2014-2015
Long Island Health Network	Identifiable	2014
Milliman, Inc.	Limited	2013
Montefiore Medical Center	Identifiable	1995-2015
New York University	Limited	2002-2014
NYS Office of Mental Health	Identifiable	2014-2015
NYU School of Medicine	Identifiable	2014
O'Conco Healthcare Consultants	Limited	2014
Oscar Insurance Corp	Limited	2010-2014
Rutgers University	Identifiable	1998-2013

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SG2- MedAssets	Limited	2014
SUNY Downstate Medical Center	Identifiable	1998-2014
SUNY Stony Brook University	Identifiable	2014
SUNY Stony Brook University Medical Center	Limited	2000-2014
SUNY Stony Brook University Medical Center	Identifiable	2008-2014
Treo Solutions	Limited	2014-2015
Truven Health Analytics	Identifiable	2014-2015
University of Pittsburgh	Identifiable	2005-2011
University of Rochester	Identifiable	1998-2014
Vermont Hospital Association and Health Systems	Limited	2013-2015

The complete list of approved identifiable data requests dating back to 2009 is on the public webpage at the following address: [http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/sparcs/dgc/appr\\_data\\_req.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/statistics/sparcs/dgc/appr_data_req.htm).

## Submitter Notes

### ICD-10

A new version of the intake edits, based on ICD-10 diagnosis and procedure codes is available on the HCS in the Tools section. Please email SPARCS at [sparcs.submissions@health.ny.gov](mailto:sparcs.submissions@health.ny.gov) if you have any questions on these codes. Please note that as the ICD-10 is new, these edits may change as SPARCS staff and coders at facilities gain experience in using these codes.

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