

Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS)
Quarterly Submitter Forum Summary

Date:	February 27, 2024	Location:	Webex Webinar
Start Time:	2:00 PM	End Time:	3:00 PM
Next Meeting Date:	May 2024	Next Meeting Time:	1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Meeting Panelists	SPARCS Program: Janet Nguyen, David Marinik Optum Government Solutions: Phyllis Randall, Marianne Altomare
Agenda	• Introductions • SPARCS Injury Remediation Project Update • SPARCS Collection of Gender Data • SPARCS Back to Basics • Questions
Summary	SPARCS Submission Operations • Summaries of Submitter Forums are available on the SPARCS website. Website Resources • Resources are available on the SPARCS website to assist facilities with data submission. SPARCS Injury Remediation Project Updates • The SPARCS Injury, Cause, and Place Code Set specifies whether a cause and/or place of injury is required on SPARCS data when an applicable injury code is reported. Information on this code set is available on the SPARCS website. • Only 2018 – 2023 discharge years are included in the remediation project, focusing on Inpatient and Emergency claim detail types. • Facilities must resubmit files with appropriate external cause and/or place of injury codes by the extended 03/15/2024 deadline. • SPARCS will be reaching out to facilities to provide updated injury remediation completion report numbers. SPARCS Collection of Gender Data • The ASC X12 837R claim transaction accepts values for the genders; F (Female), M (Male), U (Unknown). • Facilities were receiving edits for specific diagnosis that did not correlate with the genders identified on the SPARCS claims. • The SPARCS edit was disabled with the 1/4/2024 update. • B55115 – ICD10 Diagnosis Code is not allowed for the specified gender. • SPARCS is exploring a gender X (non-binary) option for reporting on 837R and seeking input from facilities regarding their collection of gender and system capabilities to report gender. These include: • What gender values do facilities collect from patients? • Are facilities systems able to report other gender values beside F, M, U for billing or SPARCS? • Are claims for insurance billing accepted with other gender values?



SPARCS Back to Basics

- Data submission files may only contain data for a single PFI.
- Recommended naming convention for data submission files are below:
 - File type (e.g., "Test" for a test file or "Prod" for a production file)
 - Note: Test files do not get inserted into the SPARCS data warehouse and make sure to change files to Production.
 - Claim type (e.g., IP for inpatient).
 - Time period of discharges (e.g., month/year).
 - Limit original file name to 89 characters.
- Do not rely solely on Claim File Reports to determine record acceptance to SPARCS data warehouse.
- Any rejected records on the Claim File Reports tab must be corrected and resubmitted to be inserted into the SPARCS database after the nightly processing.
- As overnight processing may return additional errors, be sure to:
 - Check for additional error reports the day after submission.
 - Check the Adjust-Void-Dup Reports tab, which allows submitters to search for a response file for them to download to review errors.
- [SPARCS Audit Reports](#) can be checked the following week to verify the number of files accepted by SPARCS.
- Need Help with SPARCS Edit Errors?
 - Contact the Optum help desk, 866-678-8646, or submit a ticket through the [SPARCS Portal](#).
 - Click on Help Center, then select Client Self Service Portal.
 - The SPARCS Portal is the easiest option to submit tickets for Optum Help Desk support regarding SPARCS claim issues such as:
 - File or record rejections
 - Interpretation of edit error reports
 - Technical issues or questions

Questions

- The SPARCS Program will post all questions asked during the forum (and answers to those questions) to the [SPARCS Website](#).
- Facilities may also contact SPARCS for questions at (sparcs.submissions@health.ny.gov).