

# **Expanded Outpatient Data Collection Project Description**

## **Background:**

Legislation was enacted in April 2006 amending Public Health Law Article 28 Section 2816 (2) (a) (iv). The amendment provided for the expansion of the SPARCS data reporting requirements to include all facilities licensed as a Diagnostic and Treatment Center under Article 28 of the Public Health Law.

The immediate need for this additional information is twofold: the Federal Government is requesting that New York State (NYS) re-calculate the Upper Payment Limits used for Medicaid Reimbursement and New York State desires to redesign the existing Outpatient NYS Medicaid reimbursement methodology.

## **Project Goals and Criteria:**

The Department of Health is committed to minimizing the impact of data reporting on providers. Reporting will be limited to those data elements that are deemed necessary for the development of a financial methodology and for related data analysis activities. The standard for data reporting is set by the National Uniform Bill Committee (NUBC). NUBC's current reporting form is the UB04. In addition, the criterion for submission is the HIPPA approved format for electronic submission for privacy and data confidentiality. The current electronic format used by SPARCS is in the X12-837I (Institutional) format.

## **Project Development:**

In 2008, the Department initiated the major planning and development work of a new data reporting system. The design and programming of the new system occurred during the second half of 2008 into early 2009. During that time, the following major project activities were also completed: obtaining stakeholders input and information gathering, system regulation development, and design of the new data structure. In addition, providers were notified of the planned data reporting expansion and a survey of the facilities expected to submit the data was conducted.

In 2009 and 2010, SPARCS pursued project goals and objectives. Considerable progress on the new system was made during this time but system development activities were halted in 2010 due to a lack of available resources.

At the close of 2010, the Department of Health decided to modify its existing data reporting system to collect the expanded outpatient data. In December, SPARCS announced that the reporting of data for calendar year 2011 is required with the initial data submission scheduled for July 2011.

**Phases of the EODC Project:**

The Expanded Outpatient Data reporting will be implemented in phases:

**Phase 1** – Hospital Outpatient Departments (222 Hospitals) (July 2011)

**Phase 2** – Hospital owned clinics (approx. 1000 clinics) (est. January 2013)

**Phase 3** – Free-standing D&TC's (approx. 1000 clinics)