



**Department
of Health**

SPARCS Submitter Forum

- **Introductions and Reminders**
- **Injury Remediation Project Update**
- **Collection of Gender Data**
- **Back to Basics**
- **Questions**

February 27, 2024

SPARCS Introductions and Reminders

- SPARCS.submissions@health.ny.gov
 - Facilities or vendors *who submit data to SPARCS* can email for questions regarding:
 - SPARCS submitter provisioning requests
 - Update SPARCS coordinators or contacts
 - SPARCS compliance questions and exception/extensions requests
 - SPARCS policy questions
 - Not to be confused with SPARCS.requests@health.ny.gov for people who are *requesting* research data from SPARCS
- Please **DO NOT SEND PHI** in any email communications
 - Redact PHI if necessary to share screenshots or reports in emails

SPARCS Injury Remediation Project Update

SPARCS Injury Edit Remediation Project

- SPARCS data selected for remediation
 - Discharge years 2018 - 2023
 - Inpatient and Emergency Department claim types only
 - N0003 and N0002 edits
- Final deadline for completion: March 15, 2024

SPARCS Collection of Gender Data

SPARCS Collection of Gender Data

- ASC X12 837R claim transaction accepted values for gender:
 - F (Female)
 - M (Male)
 - U (Unknown)
- SPARCS edit disabled with 1/4/2024 update
 - B55115 – ICD10 Diagnosis Code is not allowed for the specified gender.
- SPARCS exploring gender X (non-binary) option for reporting on 837R
 - Seeking input from facilities regarding their collection of gender and system capabilities to report gender
 - What gender values do facilities collect from patients?
 - Are facility 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?

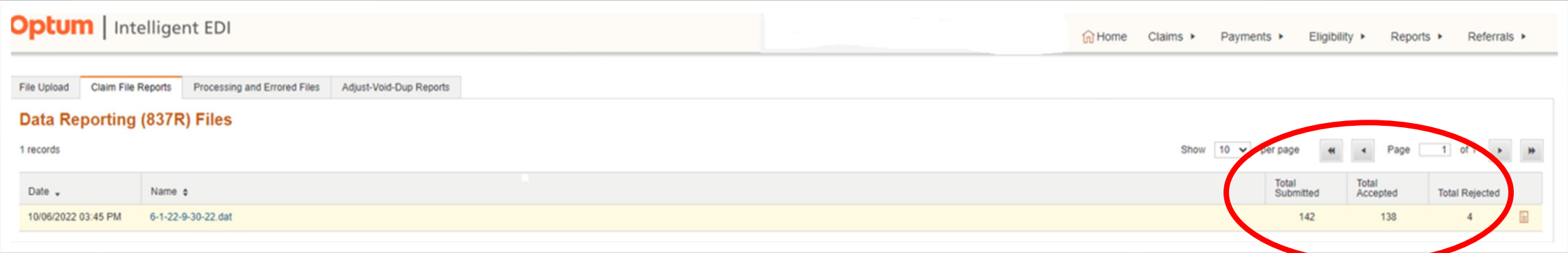
SPARCS Back to Basics

SPARCS Back to Basics

- Data submission file may only contain data for a single PFI.
- Recommended naming convention for data submission file:
 - File type (e.g., Test for a test file or Prod for a production file);
 - Test files do not get inserted into SPARCS data warehouse - don't forget to change files to Production.
 - Claim type (e.g., IP for inpatient); and
 - Time period of discharges (e.g., month/year).
 - Limit original file name to 89 characters.
 - Actual limit is 150 characters, but system adds 25-character prefix and 36-character suffix at different stages of processing so original file name can't exceed 89 characters.

SPARCS Back to Basics

- 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.



Optum | Intelligent EDI

Home Claims Payments Eligibility Reports Referrals

File Upload Claim File Reports Processing and Errored Files Adjust-Void-Dup Reports

Data Reporting (837R) Files

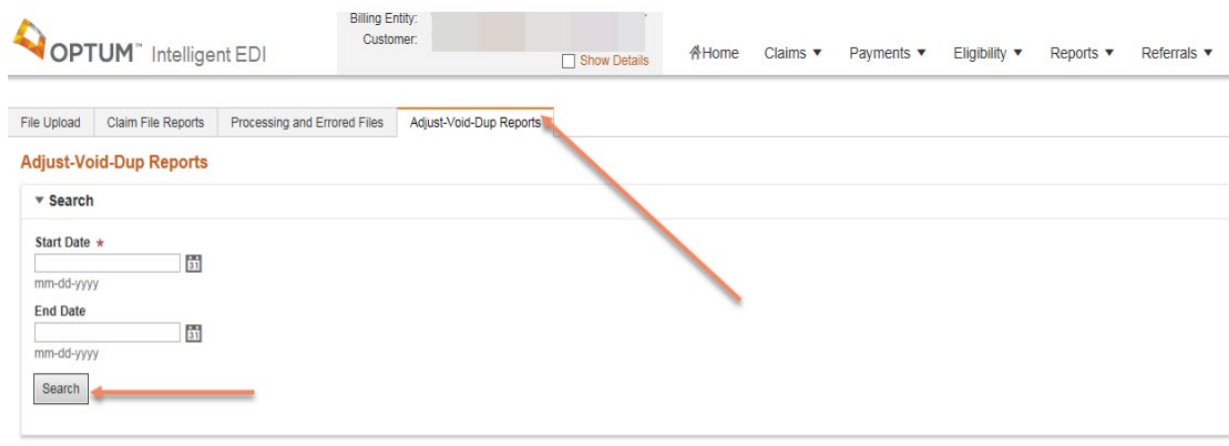
1 records

Show 10 per page Page 1 of 1

Date	Name	Total Submitted	Total Accepted	Total Rejected
10/06/2022 03:45 PM	6-1-22-9-30-22.dat	142	138	4

SPARCS Back to Basics

- Overnight processing may return additional errors.
 - Check files the day after submission to look for additional error reports.
 - Adjust-Void-Dup Reports tab will allow submitter to search for response file for download to review errors



The screenshot displays the OPTUM Intelligent EDI web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the OPTUM logo and the text 'Intelligent EDI'. Below this, there are fields for 'Billing Entity:' and 'Customer:' with a 'Show Details' checkbox. The main navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Claims', 'Payments', 'Eligibility', 'Reports', and 'Referrals'. The 'Adjust-Void-Dup Reports' tab is selected and highlighted. Below the navigation, there is a search section titled 'Adjust-Void-Dup Reports' with a 'Search' dropdown menu. The search form includes 'Start Date' and 'End Date' fields, both with calendar icons and the format 'mm-dd-yyyy'. A 'Search' button is located at the bottom of the search form. Two red arrows point to the 'Adjust-Void-Dup Reports' tab and the 'Search' button.

- [SPARCS Audit Reports](#) can be checked the following week to verify how many files were accepted by SPARCS.

Need Help with SPARCS Edit Errors?

- Contact the Optum help desk (866-678-8646, option 2) or submit a ticket through the [SPARCS Portal](#).
 - Click on Help Center, then select Client Self Service Portal
- [SPARCS Portal](#)
 - Easiest option to submit tickets for Optum Help Desk support regarding SPARCS claim issues:
 - File or record rejections
 - Interpretation of edit error reports
 - Technical issues or questions

Questions?

E-mail: sparcs.submissions@health.ny.gov

Next Submitter Forum: May 2024