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SPARCS Submitter Forum

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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

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- 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

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- 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.

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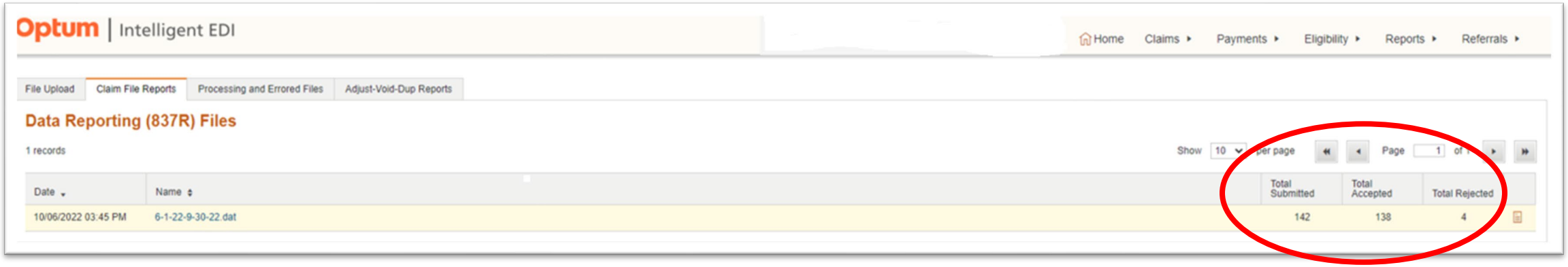
- Do not rely solely on Claim File Reports to determine record acceptance to SPARCS data warehouse.
- Any rejected records on the Claim File Reports tab must be corrected and resubmitted to be inserted into the SPARCS database after the nightly processing.



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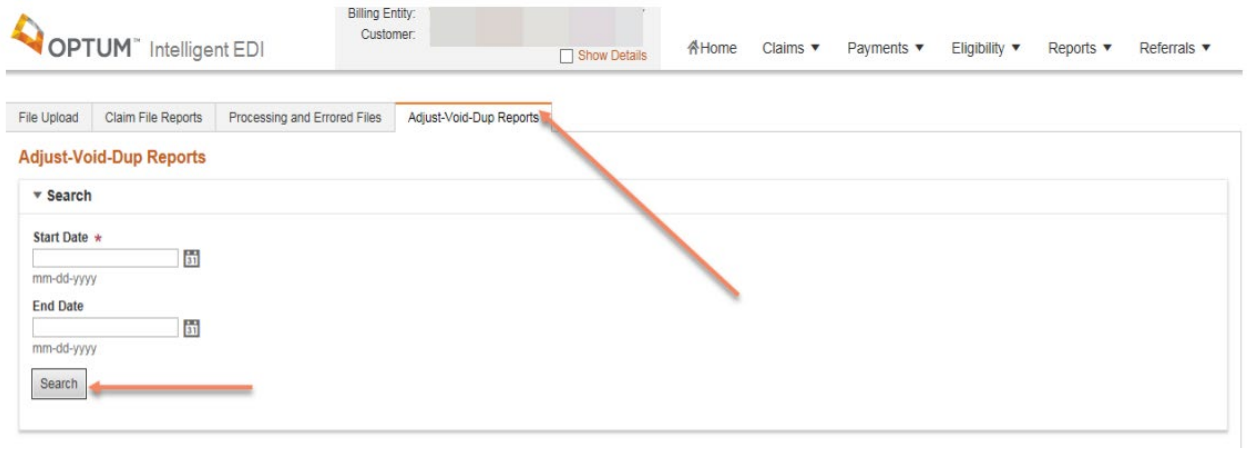
- Overnight processing may return additional errors.
  - Check files the day after submission to look for additional error reports.
  - Adjust-Void-Dup Reports tab will allow submitter to search for response file for download to review errors



- SPARCS Audit Reports can be checked the following week to verify how many files were accepted by SPARCS.

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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