



**Department  
of Health**

# **SPARCS Submitter Forum**

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# 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
- Email notification sent to facility coordinators on 7/24/2023
- Started transfer of claim detail files to facilities via HCS
  - Completed transfer of files to 105 facilities out of 211 total
  - Facilities prioritized for transfer by volume of records to remediate
- Facilities must resubmit files with appropriate external cause and/or place of injury codes by 10/31/2023
  - Extensions will be granted if additional time needed

# SPARCS Injury Edit Remediation Project

## ■ Compliance Exception or Extension Requests

- Facility compliance status is not expected to be affected by remediation because records were already accepted by SPARCS
- Specify that request is related to injury remediation project
- Exception – give specific details for reason that remediation can't be completed
- Month(s)/Year – give specific dates of time period that records are not available to be remediated
- Extensions – give specific reason and estimated additional time needed to complete remediation
- Do not include PHI in any emails sent to SPARCS

# SPARCS Race/Ethnicity Data

- SPARCS uses the US [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) Race and Ethnicity Code Set](#) to collect data
- SPARCS requires at least one race and one ethnicity on each claim
  - Multiple race and ethnicity codes may be reported
- Select codes which best describe the race and ethnic origin of the patient
  - Facilities should collect and report information as granular as possible
  - Race/ethnicity must be captured through patient (or guardian/caregiver) self-reporting – can not be assumed through physical appearance or preferred language
  - If patients refuse or decline to answer, the only options for SPARCS reporting are R9 “other race” and E9 “unknown ethnicity”

# Questions?

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**Next Submitter Forum: November 15, 2023 at 1:00 PM**