Data Dictionary for SPARCS Hospital Discharges by Facility: Beginning 2009

DE #	Data Element Name	Type (Character or Numeric)	Length	Additional Comments
1	Hospital Name	Character	70	The name of the facility where services were performed based on the Facility Identifier, as maintained by the NYSDOH Division of Health Facility Planning.
2	Facility ID	Numeric	4	Facility Identifier.
3	APR Medical Surgical Description	Character	14	The APR-DRG specific classification of Medical, Surgical or Not Applicable.
4	Type of Insurance	Character	10	A description of the type of payment for this occurrence (Medicare, Medicaid, Commercial, or Other).
5	Patient Gender	Character	7	Male, Female, Unknown
6	Discharged Dead or Alive	Character	16	Identifies if the patient was discharged from the facility alive or dead. Derived from patient disposition.
7	Patient Age Group	Character	5	Age Group in Years (0, 1-12, 13-17, 18-40, 41-64, 65-74, 75+)
8	Discharge Year	Character	4	Indicates the year of the discharge. 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
9	Number of Discharges	Numeric	8	The number of discharges based on the combination of variables selected.
10	Average Length of Stay	Numeric	3	The average length of stay in days based on the total number of discharges in the combination of variables selected.
11	Yearly Rank; by Volume	Numeric	8	Identifies the ranking of the total number of discharges for each hospital, in the particular discharge year of that record, based upon the total number of discharges for all hospitals in that discharge year. Values run from 1 to 220s (dependent on the number of hospitals open for that year).