Data Dictionary for SPARCS Hospital Discharges by Patient County: Beginning 2010

DE #	Data Element Name	Type (Character or Numeric)	Length	Additional Comments
1	Patient County of Residence	Character	100	Identifies the patient's county of residence at the time of admission to the hospital. Hamilton and Schuyler counties have been combined due to small population size and are represented as "Hamilton/Schuyler". Homeless and an unknown county are represented in "Unknown". Non-New York State patients are represented in 'Other than New York State'.
2	Patient Gender	Character	7	Male, Female, Unknown
3	Patient Age Group	Character	5	Age Group in Years (0, 1-12, 13-17, 18-40, 41-64, 65-74, 75+)
4	Discharge Year	Character	4	Indicates the year of the discharge.
5	Number of Discharges	Numeric	8	The number of discharges based on the combination of variables selected.
6	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.
7	Yearly Rank by Volume	Numeric	8	Identifies the ranking of the total number of discharges for each patient county of residence, in the particular discharge year of that record, based upon the total number of discharges for all counties in that discharge year. Values run from 1 to 63.