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Amendment 3
Data Clearinghouse for Health Facilities Data Reporting Program

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This amendment provides State of Alaska responses to questions received. Unless identified below, all other terms & conditions of the RFP remain the same.

Question 1 – Section 1.01, Page 4
Can we get the count of all facilities by type (hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, and diagnostic testing facilities) for effort estimation?

   DHSS Response:
   As of this writing, reporting are 20 Ambulatory Surgery Centers, 22 Community Hospitals, and 3 Specialty Hospitals.

Questions 2 - Section 2.01, Page 9
Please provide the name of the EMR system(s) or other applications that are used at all the facilities that host the discharge information.

Please also provide the name/version/other relevant information of the Databases which are housing these system(s) above.

   DHSS Response:
   We do not know the specific software a facility might be using for their EMR.

Question 3 – Section 2.01, Page 9
What format of the data are in use for Ambulatory Surgical facilities that do not use UB04?

   DHSS Response:
   If not using the UB-04, facilities will work with the contractor to identify a different format. Currently, facilities not using the UB-04 submit data in an MS Excel format.

Question 4 - Section 2.01, Page 10
We are assuming that these extracts were sent to clearing houses before. If yes, can you briefly explain how was information sent earlier.

> **DHSS Response:**
> This would be a system specific to the contractor that ensures HIPAA compliance and prevents any data breach while moving data from the client.

Question 5 - Section 3.01, Page 11
As part of the submission requirements, do you have a unique patient identifier in the source systems?

> **DHSS Response:**
> Submission requirements include Social Security Numbers. SSN is not an ideal identifier as not all individuals have SSNs and there are privacy concerns in their use. Other identifiers in the data include date of birth, sex, race, and ethnicity, and perhaps names in the future. We want to develop a method to incorporate available data into a method to create repeatable case level identifiers.