Methodology: The data used to prepare this map are from the New York State Department of Health Statewide Planning and Research Cooperative System (SPARCS). SPARCS is a comprehensive all payer data reporting system that collects patient-level detail on patient demographics, diagnoses and treatments, services, and charges. The data used for this map are based on hospital inpatient stays/discharges that occurred in 2015. Geographic Information System (GIS) software was utilized to analyze ZIP code boundaries. Where ZIP code boundaries extend beyond the PHIP North Country region, the data were prorated based on the percentage of the ZIP code population living in the study area.

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