Overlapping Stays

In the 2010–2013 NRD, there are a small number of instances of overlapping stays (i.e., adding the length of stay (LOS) to the NRD timing variable (NRD_DaystoEvent) for a specific patient (NRD_VisitLink) produces a number larger than the NRD_ DaystoEvent value of the patient's subsequent hospitalization). All of these records involve combined records (SAMEDAYEVENT > 0). During the creation of the NRD, pairs of records that indicate a transfer or same-day event in which the discharge date of one record equals the admission date of the next record for the same patient were collapsed. In the collapse process, we have inadvertently retained some overlapping stays in the NRD. These stays should be considered a continuation of care and not separate events. This affects 404 records in the 2013 NRD, 423 records in the 2012 NRD, 416 records in the 2011 NRD, and 409 records in the 2010 NRD.