



## 3M™ Core Grouping Software with 3M IR-DRGs

- Provides accurate and efficient grouping of inpatient and ambulatory data
- Delivers appropriate inpatient and ambulatory edits to improve compliance, completeness, and consistency, which can help generate cleaner data, reduce errors, and reduce reprocessing

### An all-in-one approach

3M Core Grouping Software supports the processing of both inpatient and ambulatory data.

The power of 3M's accurate and appropriate grouping and editing applications is available in one comprehensive package for Microsoft® Windows® systems.

### The 3M advantage

**3M Core Grouping Software** is a computerized application that sets a new standard for efficiently and effectively grouping and editing data for today's healthcare providers, insurance companies, managed care companies, claims review companies, government agencies, and others.

The software assigns inpatient records to International Refined Diagnosis Related Groups (IR-DRGs), evaluates the accuracy and completeness of clinical data and identifies potential errors.

Additionally, 3M Core Grouping Software supports the ambulatory IR-DRG classification system. The software evaluates the accuracy and completeness of clinical data, identifies potential errors and flags those errors.

3M Core Grouping can help you:

- Assign IR-DRGs for both inpatient and ambulatory data
- Review coding accuracy
- Monitor and define the statistics file
- Manage coding errors
- Evaluate the coded patient record interactively
- Assign severity of illness and risk of mortality levels to your inpatients
- Assign medical intensity levels to your ambulatory patients

### The inpatient core: Grouping

The 3M Core Grouping Software contains the necessary tables and logic to accurately assign a DRG and can be licensed with the following grouper:

- **3M International Refined DRG (IR-DRG)** — Developed exclusively by 3M to significantly improve the DRG classification by incorporating the IR-DRGs plus three levels of severity of illness and risk of mortality for inpatients and medical intensity for ambulatory patients.

### Inpatient editing: Features and benefits

- Helps you monitor the accuracy of your data
- Encompasses basic coding rules as determined by the International Classification of Diseases and Health Related Problems 10th Revision (ICD-10)
- Allows the detailed review of the patient record and associated fields used by the grouper

## The ambulatory core: A range of functionality

3M Core Grouping Software also includes equivalent features for grouping and editing ambulatory data. The 3M software supports the use of Ambulatory International Refined DRGs, the ambulatory (i.e., outpatient) classification system.

## The ambulatory core: Using Ambulatory International Refined Patient Groups (IR-DRGs)

The 3M Core Grouping Software supports the IR-DRG classification system, which includes:

- Significant procedures
- Medical visits
- Ancillary services

Key Features:

- Significant procedure consolidation, which consolidates IR-DRGs into one IR-DRG for grouping purposes.
- Optional assignment of IR-DRG for multiple ambulatory procedures. This option allows post processing for defined payment polices.

## 3M: A solid business partner

For 25 years, 3M Health Information Systems has been the premier provider of coding, grouping, and reimbursement solutions for the healthcare industry. Our products and services reflect our experience and expertise in both inpatient and ambulatory prospective payment systems.

With 3M support, clients can install and configure the 3M Core Grouping Software themselves. 3M provides software updates to licensed clients via download updates and documentation from our client-only website.

3M customer support representatives are available by phone or online to assist you during and after initial implementation.

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## Overall features and benefits

### Output and processing options

The 3M Core Grouping Software is written as a transaction processor, with no database storage or reporting facility. Output includes series of individual:

- Patient-level reports that can be directed to a printer individually or from an appended file
- Patient lines in an ASCII-formatted file, which can then be uploaded to another computer system for reporting and analysis

### Ability to customize

By customizing 3M Core Grouping Software, you can also:

- Evaluate all secondary diagnoses as principal, generating a potential DRG for each secondary diagnosis
- Identify which grouper and/or statistics should be used for each patient type, so data does not need to be sorted before processing
- Calculate a DRG for each procedure (ambulatory core)
- Customize grouper-effective dates

### Interactive or batch

The 3M Core Grouping Software supports a traditional batch process—one that requires an electronic interface between the grouper and the calling process—or an interactive interface mode. Batch processing handles volumes of records efficiently, while the interactive interface lets you enter, modify, and process individual records and review the output of the grouping.

The software is adaptable and scalable and can operate standalone or networked (file server and client workstation) on a Microsoft Windows-based PC. Refer to the 3M Core Grouping Software Configuration Sheet for specific information on hardware and software requirements.