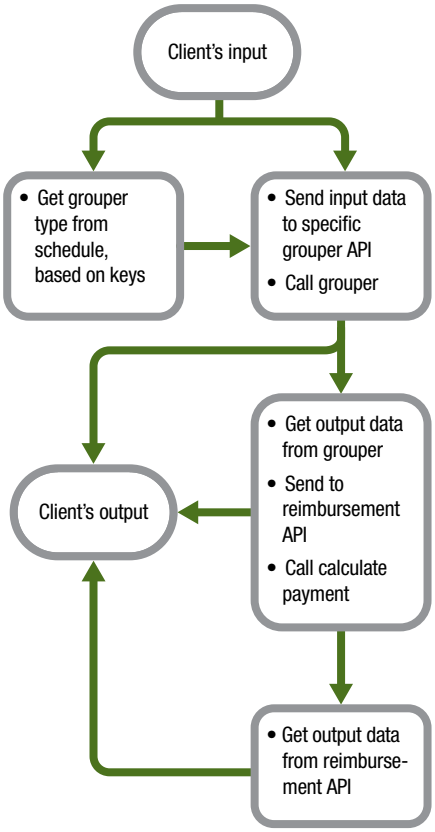
3M™ Grouper Plus System

- Embeddable expert knowledge for 3M business partners
- Most current grouping, editing, and reimbursement content available
- Flexible software allows for platform-independence in batch and interactive modes

Data Record Processing with 3M Grouper Plus



Health Care: An Increasingly Complex Environment

In today's environment, healthcare organizations are faced with significant challenges managing data for reimbursement and analytics. Leveraging grouping, editing and reimbursement data to provide more customer value, automating processes to streamline operations, and staying current with changing regulations are the keys to success. 3M eliminates the need for business partners to maintain complex and dynamic regulatory information and enables access to value-added and proprietary expertise.

The **3M Grouper Plus System** is designed to seemlessly integrate with other information systems and stay current with federal and state regulations. Business partners can embed this Java™-based solution that provides both Medicare and non-Medicare grouping, editing and reimbursement calculations for inpatient and outpatient claims data. Whether you want to process claims for reimbursement or analyze data, 3M is the source for innovative and cost-effective grouping, editing and reimbursement methodologies.

A Comprehensive Grouping Approach

Since 1983, 3M has been developing prospective payment systems that have revolutionized health care. Today, 3M supports grouping, editing and reimbursement configurations for **over 50 federal, state, and commercial payer and reporting organizations** implemented for payment, quality and public reporting.

Developed by 3M, the proprietary **3M™ APR DRG Grouper Software** is an industry-standard for patient classification and quality reporting that adjusts for both severity of illness (SOI) and risk of mortality (ROM) when determining the most appropriate APR DRG. This valuable grouping content can then be used for financial analysis through quality analytics. The **3M™ Potentially Preventable Complications (PPC) Software** was developed by 3M as a preventability model to comprehensively identify hospital-acquired complications. The **3M™ Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping System (3M EAPGS)** provides a complete review, upgrade, and reclassification of the original Ambulatory Patient Grouping (APG) system to bring it current with medical practice. It is built for all patient populations and most outpatient settings, including hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs), clinics, and physicians.

Supported Inpatient Groupers and Reimbursement Formulas:

- 3M™ APR DRGs with cost weights and trim points
- AP-DRG
- CMS MS-DRG Inpatient Prospective Payment System
- TRICARE Inpatient Prospective Payment System
- New York Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, No-Fault, and Worker's Compensation
- Maryland All-Payer Payment using 3M APR DRGs
- Montana Medicaid
- New Jersey Medicaid
- Illinois Medicaid
- Indiana Medicaid
- Massachusetts BCBS
- Ohio Medicaid
- Pennsylvania Medicaid
- Rhode Island Medicaid
- Washington State Health Care Authority, Medicaid and Worker's Compensation
- Medicare Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- Medicare Long Term Care Hospital
- 3M™ Potentially Preventable Complications
- 3M™ Potentially Preventable Readmissions (separate application)
- 3M™ Inpatient Payment Calculation Toolkit

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The 3M Grouper Plus System provides access to **Medicare** and **TRICARE** classification systems including:

- **CMS MS-DRGs**—Developed and maintained by 3M for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), classifying Medicare patients by the CMS Medicare Severity DRG (MS-DRG) Grouper.
- **Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs)**—Developed and maintained by 3M for CMS to process CMS outpatient claims for Medicare beneficiaries, assigning an APC to each line item, as appropriate.
- **TRICARE DRGs and APCs**—Developed and maintained by 3M for the Department of Defense. Used by states, the Veterans Administration, and Department of Defense facilities.
- **Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs)**—Implemented to process Medicare outpatient claims under the CMS prospective payment system for freestanding ASCs.
- **Inpatient Psychiatric Facility DRGs (IPF DRG)**—Created to group DRGs that contain a psychiatric diagnosis (IPF-DRG) under the CMS-mandated prospective payment system for inpatient psychiatric facilities.
- **Professional Claims Editing and Reimbursement**—Developed to process physician and other professional claims using RBRVS assignments and to calculate accurate reimbursement.
- **Medicare Renal Dialysis Facility Reimbursement**—Implemented in preparation for the Medicare transition to a prospective payment system for ESRD patients

Payment or Reimbursement Calculations

3M provides access to reimbursement calculations for federal, state, and commercial payers *(see listing in sidebar)*. The **3M Payment Calculation Toolkits** calculate customized expected reimbursement formulas for both inpatient and outpatient payment methodologies.

3M Pricer Tables are pre-populated payment schedules, including provider-specific data for all applicable providers for the current year and previous years. These are created, maintained, and updated to reduce your time spent on configuration and research.

Expansive Editing Capabilities

3M Grouper Plus System encompasses coding rules and guidelines from CMS, HCHS, AHA, AHIMA, and the AMA, as stipulated by the Office of Inspector General (OIG). These proprietary and public domain edits can help increase compliance, consistency, and accuracy.

The **CMS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE), Medicare Code Editor (MCE)** and **National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)**, as well as other 3M edits are used to review coding quality, partial hospitalization for mental health, proper billing of multiple visits, and HCPCS and CPT® modifiers. **Medical Necessity** edits for National and Local Coverage Determinations are available for all 50 states. **Present on Admission (POA)** edits, which were developed by 3M in accordance with the National Center Health Statistics–ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, facilitate accurate assignment of the POA indicator.

Professional Claims Edits and Reimbursement Calculations are available to meet the growing demand for hospitals, clinics, professional hospital organizations, and physician offices to calculate expected reimbursement and reduce maintenance of complex professional claim edits and reimbursement.

3M provides all necessary edits, specialized payment rules, and fee files required to accurately calculate expected reimbursement for professional claims under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (RBRVS). The reimbursement calculation addresses all healthcare professionals, including physician, non-physician practitioner, anesthesia, mid-wife, social worker, ambulance supplier, behavioral health professional, etc., and can be customized to support other similar payment methodologies.

Supported Outpatient Groupers and Reimbursement Formulas:

- 3M™ EAPGS for:
  - New York Medicaid
  - Maryland (all payer)
  - Wellmark BCBS (Iowa and South Dakota)
  - Oklahoma BCBS
  - Virginia Medicaid (for ASCs)
- Medicare Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Payment
- Medicare OPPS (APC grouping and Hospital Outpatient Department Payment)
- Medicare Renal Dialysis Facility Payment
- TRICARE OPPS (APC grouping and Hospital Outpatient Department Payment)
- 3M™ Outpatient Payment Calculation Toolkit using 3M EAPGS
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (RBRVS) addressing all professional provider types, including physician, non-physician practitioner, anesthesia, mid-wife, social worker, ambulance supplier, etc.

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Flexible Technology

The 3M Grouper Plus System uses platform-independent, common application program interface (API) methods to pass and retrieve data across all grouping, editing, and reimbursement Java™ archive (JAR) components.

Pricer Tables:

- Medicare Inpatient
- Medicare Outpatient
- TRICARE APC
- New York Medicaid Inpatient and Outpatient, Medicaid/Managed Care, No-Fault and Workers' Compensation
- Medicare Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Medicare Long-Term Care Hospital
- Medicare Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- Medicare Renal Dialysis Facility
- Medicare Professional Claims

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