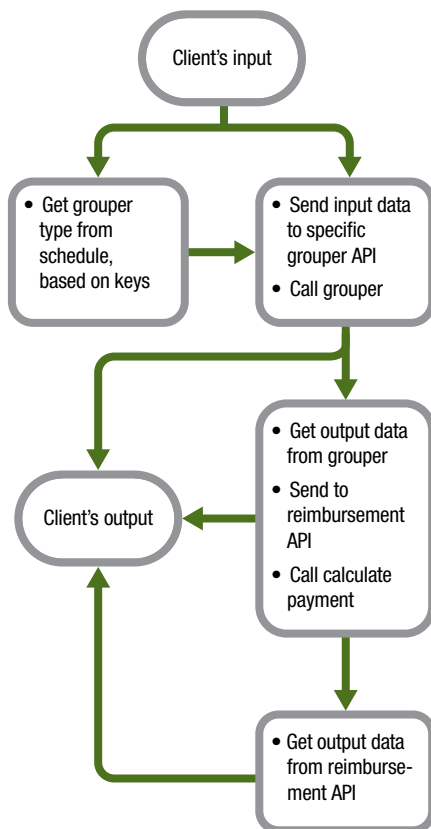




3M™ Grouper Plus System

- Offers a Java™-based, platform-independent embedded solution to add value to existing software
- Uses common application program interface (API) methods to pass and retrieve data across all grouping, editing, and reimbursement Java™ archive (JAR) components
- Provides up-to-date claim edits for providers, payers, fiscal intermediaries, and state and federal agencies
- Calculates reimbursement of claims based on group assignments and allows the client to choose the reimbursement methodology by claim

Data record processing with 3M Grouper Plus



A comprehensive grouping approach

Available exclusively to 3M's business partners, the **3M Grouper Plus System** provides both Medicare and non-Medicare DRG grouping and pricing for inpatient and outpatient claims data for providers, payers, vendors, as well as state and federal agencies. The 3M Grouper Plus System contains the tables and programs needed to assign a group and can be licensed with the following groupers:

- **CMS DRG and MS-DRG**—Developed for classifying Medicare patients by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) DRG Grouper and the Medicare Severity DRG (MS-DRG) Grouper. Includes state-specific CMS groupers for Ohio and Illinois.
- **TRICARE**—Developed and maintained by 3M for the Department of Defense. Includes additional DRGs not related to the Medicare patient population; used by states, the Veterans Administration, and Department of Defense facilities.
- **All Patient DRG (AP-DRG)**—Developed by 3M under contract to New York State for non-Medicare patients, including DRGs for neonatal and OB/GYN.
- **3M™ APR DRG Software**—Developed exclusively by 3M to significantly improve the accuracy of DRG classification by incorporating the AP-DRGs along with four levels of severity of illness and risk of mortality.
- **Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs)**—Developed to process CMS outpatient claims for Medicare beneficiaries, assigning an APC to each line item, as appropriate.
- **Ambulatory Patient Grouper (APG) and 3M™ Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping System (3M Enhanced APGS)**—Developed under contract by 3M in response to the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1986, which required CMS to develop a prospective payment system for hospital-based outpatient care, the original APGs help explain the kinds and amounts of resources an outpatient visit requires and classify patients with similar clinical characteristics. Released in 2007, 3M EAPGS is a proprietary product that updates APGs to better reflect current clinical care complexities and practices as well as the current outpatient cost structure.
- **Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASCs)**—Developed to process Medicare outpatient claims under the CMS prospective payment system for ASCs.
- **Inpatient Psychiatric Facility DRGs (IPF DRG)**—Developed to process DRGs that contain a psychiatric diagnosis (IPF-DRG) under the CMS-mandated prospective payment system for inpatient psychiatric facilities.



3M™ Grouper Plus System

Editing capabilities

3M Grouper Plus helps organizations monitor coding accuracy by screening virtually all coded records and also:

- Encompasses coding rules and guidelines from CMS, HCHS, AHA, AHIMA, and the AMA, as stipulated by the Office of Inspector General (OIG).
- Discriminates between compliance issues and general medical records documentation and coding issues.
- Features expanded edits beyond the **CMS Outpatient Code Editor (OCE)** and additional informational edits to help improve the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of Medicare coding and reimbursement.
- Rolls the **National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI)** into the OCE with other edits that review coding quality, partial hospitalization for mental health, proper billing of multiple visits, and HCPCS and CPT® modifiers.

Flexible reimbursement calculations

User-defined rate schedules calculate reimbursement, and the parameters governing payment processing of patient records (hospital values, statistics files, and reimbursement type to be used) can also be user-defined. Each rate schedule is identified by one of many rate types available in the software, most of which represent mandated DRG or MS-DRG reimbursement methods and state initiatives (“generic” payment types are not based on DRG assignment). The 3M Grouper Plus System can help an organization determine appropriate, accurate, and consistent reimbursement for all supported formulas (*see sidebar*).

Add-on modules and products

The products shown below may be added as additional licenses and offer various features and benefits. For example, when the 3M Medicare Pricer Tables Module is used in conjunction with the Schedule Setup Module, it can calculate estimated reimbursement. The payment schedules needed for these calculations are installed with the module, saving time and effort in setting up the schedules individually. Contact 3M for more information on:

- **3M™ Medicare Pricer Tables Module**
- **3M™ New York Pricer Tables Module**
- **3M™ Medicare Outpatient Pricer Tables Module**
- **3M™ TRICARE Outpatient Pricer Tables Module**
- **3M™ APC Grouper Plus Software with medical necessity edits**



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Supported outpatient groupers and reimbursement formulas:

- Ambulatory Surgical Centers
- APC Generic
- APC HOPD
- Massachusetts APG Medicaid

Supported inpatient groupers and reimbursement formulas:

- APR cost weights and trim points
- AP-DRG
- CMS DRG/DMS-DRG
- Enhanced APG
- Illinois Medicaid
- Indiana Medicaid
- Inpatient Psychiatric Facility
- Long Term Acute Care Hospital
- Maryland All Payer
- New Jersey Medicaid
- New York Medicaid
- New York Medicaid HMO
- New York No-Fault
- New York Worker's Compensation
- North Carolina State Employees Benefits
- Ohio Medicaid
- Pennsylvania Medicaid
- TRICARE
- TRICARE APC
- Washington State Health Care Authority
- Washington State Medicaid
- Washington State Worker's Compensation

API basics

Business partners are responsible for writing software to send and receive data to and from the 3M Grouper Plus System modules, all of which use:

- *Put data* to send data to the grouper, editor, and reimbursement calculator
- *Process data* to initiate supported functions (e.g., group, edit, reimburse, reset)
- *Get data* to get the results of the process data call

Each API call returns an error code (as needed) along with the status of the call. Besides providing Java™ archive (JAR) files, the 3M Grouper Plus System distribution includes necessary reimbursement statistical data, fee files, and grouping logic tables. These files can reside in any location on the client's system and be repackaged for deployment with the business partner's application.

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