



3M™ Medical Necessity Dictionaries

- Can help reduce outpatient denials, write-offs, and claim rework
- Facilitates appropriate and timely reimbursement through improved pre-service, point-of-service, and post-service medical necessity checking processes
- Leverages the medical necessity functionality of an organization's existing health information system
- Provides multi-level policy requirements, including age, gender, previous diagnosis, accompanying service, etc.

What can a 3M client expect?

Timely, accurate, medical necessity validation that can help minimize compliance risk and reduce denials, rework, and payment delays throughout the revenue cycle.

Medical necessity requirements: Ever more complex

Today, medical necessity means:

- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires hospitals to check 100 percent of Medicare outpatient services
- Hospitals must check prior to rendering services
- An Advanced Beneficiary Notice (ABN) must be generated and signed for services that carriers and Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) may not reimburse

How complex is Medicare medical necessity? CMS creates National Coverage Determinations (NCDs) that apply to the entire country, and contracted FIs, carriers and MACs create medical necessity policies known as Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) that apply to local service areas. All healthcare providers must check all pertinent policy regulations to determine medical necessity. This represents a significant challenge: healthcare providers face between 150,000 and 500,000 unique ICD and HCPCS/CPT® code pairs in the Medicare policies, depending on the state. In addition, these codes can change on both a monthly and *ad hoc* basis.

Quality coding content

3M Medical Necessity Dictionaries are an industry-leading source for:

- National and Local Coverage Determinations (NCDs and LCDs)
- Supporting ICD-9 diagnostic codes and modifiers
- Other state Medicaid and payer-specific data
- Frequency, age and gender restrictions

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Our skilled team of subject matter experts produces and routinely updates one of the healthcare industry's most comprehensive medical necessity and coding compliance rule sets on the market today. The 3M Medical Necessity Dictionaries can be embedded within an existing health information system (HIS) to provide automatic medical necessity validation during scheduling and registration. This offers a unique opportunity to deploy consistent medical necessity validation capabilities throughout the revenue cycle.

Features and benefits

- Eliminate the laborious tasks of gathering medical necessity data and performing monthly manual reviews
- Receive automated monthly policy updates with valid code pairs and medical necessity intelligence
- Access to expert support on medical necessity issues from the 3M team of nurses, medical experts, and billing professionals
- Protect your facilities against potential allegations of fraud and abuse
- Facilitate accurate and timely Medicare reimbursement, proactively manage A/R days, and help avert denials, write-offs, and the cost of correcting rejected claims
- Perform edits for medical necessity, frequency, and others
- Upload the 3M Medical Necessity Dictionaries into an HIS or practice management system to enable Advanced Beneficiary Notices of Non-coverage (ABNs)

3M Medical Necessity solutions across the revenue cycle

Contact a 3M sales representative to learn more about our medical necessity solutions for the following areas of your organization.

Front-end (pre-service) (physician office, patient access, point of service, and charge capture) within an HIS application:

- 3M™ Medical Necessity Dictionaries (for Medicare Part A and Part B)

HIM department and the point-of-coding:

- 3M™ ARMS with medical necessity content and edits
- 3M™ APCfinder™ with Medical Necessity Validation
- 3M™ APGfinder™ Software

Patient financial services and denials management:

- 3M™ Core Grouping Software
- 3M™ Grouper Plus System
- 3M™ APC Oversight (from 3M Consulting Services)

Call today

For more information on how 3M solutions can assist your organization, contact your 3M sales representative, call us toll-free at **800-367-2447**, or visit us online at **www.3Mhis.com**.



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