



## 3M™ Potentially Preventable Readmission Grouping Software for payers

- Identifies potentially preventable readmissions using powerful clinical grouping logic
- Targets areas for potential quality improvement
- Guides quality enhancement initiatives
- Helps you create a potentially preventable readmission report card program
- May be used as the basis for payment or reporting

### Balancing quality and cost

The healthcare industry is challenged today with many factors that affect clinical delivery of care and associated financial and operating stability. Balancing financial objectives while providing the highest quality of care are high on the priority list. In today's healthcare market, quality performance measures are increasingly linked to reimbursement. Payers and government agencies are requiring reporting of quality indicators for full compensation, and an increasing number of quality indicators are being used for public reporting.

### Public scrutiny is on the rise

Public reporting can have a positive or negative impact on a consumer's perception of a payer or a hospital. Data collection, analysis of root cause, and implementation of clinical and operational improvement plans can be time-consuming and costly. The course is clear: integrating readmission outcomes measures within these programs helps provide concrete information that can enhance process measure reporting, improve quality, and increase efficiencies.

Readmissions have joined mortality rates and complication rates as promising measures of quality that do not require intensive chart review, and can therefore serve to screen large numbers of records and provide a basis for comparing hospital performance. Readmissions are also expensive. Many state agencies and payers use hospital readmissions as a metric to compare hospital performance. Since not all readmissions are preventable, in order for readmission rates to serve as a useful indicator of hospital quality and performance, it is necessary to employ a grouping methodology that identifies potentially preventable readmissions based on clinically credible criteria.

### Introducing a powerful new tool

The 3M Potentially Preventable Readmission (3M PPR) Grouping Software is a batch grouping application that allows you, as a payer, to identify the readmissions that are potentially preventable by means of the powerful 3M PPR clinical methodology. The 3M PPR clinical logic determines whether a readmission is clinically related to a previous admission and allows the focus of attention to be on targeted areas for improvement.

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### Possible opportunities for improving PPR rates fall within these areas:

- Ongoing quality improvement within focused areas of care provided during the initial hospitalization
- Stratified discharge planning
- Focused post-discharge follow-up
- Enhanced coordination between inpatient and outpatient healthcare team members

The 3M PPR Grouping Software uses the PPR clinical methodology in its processing and identifies PPRs using an administrative claims data file. Clinical abstracting from patient charts or manual gathering of clinical information is not required. The 3M PPR grouping results provide the necessary information to perform a root cause analysis as well as focus initiatives and resources on the areas that have the greatest opportunity for improvement. Progress can be monitored using PPR rate analysis as often as desired.

### Built on a strong clinical foundation

3M PPR methodology starts with the assumption that not all hospital readmissions are preventable and uses a case-by-case matrix to determine whether a readmission is clinically related to an initial or earlier admission. The 3M PPR methodology is based on the 3M™ APR DRG Classification System for severity and risk adjustment, allowing for a more accurate level of analysis.

### Benefits

- Provides a flexible batch grouping tool using 3M grouping technology
- Output such as an error log, output report, and output file may be easily integrated with a database application or information system
- Adjusts patient data for risk using the 3M APR DRG Classification System for more accurate analysis

- The batch assignment tool allows payers to quickly identify all PPRs using readily available administrative data
- Applies an expert set of clinical logic routines that present the user with a list of patient readmissions that clinicians would generally agree are potentially avoidable
- Grouping results show both the admissions considered to be PPRs and the admissions not flagged as PPRs and why they were excluded, which allows payers to readily see the relationship between patient conditions and their PPR impact

### Features

- Offers an extensive “result” data output file format
- Output is more robust when 3M APR DRGs are used in the grouping process
- Provides functionality to modify processing and mapping criteria
- Delivers rich report information that can be used in data analysis and reporting of patient readmissions
- Depending on your unique situation, accommodates “Across vs. Same Hospital” data processing
- Offers optional functionality to help identify outliers and streamline data aggregation
- Provides the option of identifying readmissions for patients having serious mental health conditions
- Allows for screening and targeting of readmissions review processes and offers leveling readmissions comparison reporting

### Call today

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