



## 3M™ Potentially Preventable Complications Software for payers

- Identifies potentially preventable complications (PPCs) using advanced clinical grouping logic
- Incorporates PPCs into claims adjudication processes
- Provides incentives for quality enhancement initiatives within provider networks
- Advances value-based purchasing and “pay-for-performance” initiatives

### The 3M solution

The 3M Potentially Preventable Complications (PPC) Software is available as a module in both the **3M™ Core Grouping Software** and the **3M™ Grouper Plus System**.

Using only administrative claims data (including the present on admission, or POA, indicator), either of these 3M batch grouping products can retrospectively identify complications considered potentially preventable. Clinical abstracting from patient charts or manual gathering of clinical information are not required.

### Today's healthcare market

Meeting financial objectives while financing quality health care within a provider network is the priority of every health plan. Today, a growing trend toward using complication metrics is emerging in pay-for-performance programs. For example, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has a Hospital-Acquired Conditions (HAC) initiative that links quality of care to payment.

The regulatory impact and consequences are further heightened because complications also result in reduced patient satisfaction for covered health plan members. Complications directly impact resource utilization and are associated with longer lengths of stay resulting in increased claims expenses. Reducing complications is vital to improving the bottom line and increasing the quality of care. To reduce complications, it is critical to identify events that could have been reasonably prevented and implement mitigation processes.

### The 3M advantage

The 3M Potentially Preventable Complications (PPC) Software allows a health plan to identify complications that may have been avoided. Using sophisticated clinical logic, the 3M PPC Software first identifies conditions not present on admission and then determines whether those conditions were potentially preventable given the patient's reason for admission, procedures, and underlying medical conditions.

Analyzing PPCs by possible associations, such as hospital or physician, a health plan can then define incentives for providers to reduce those complications in the near future. This approach enables continual quality improvement of care provided to enrollees, cost reductions, and improved member satisfaction.



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## Key benefits

- As a module of two flexible batch processing tools, the 3M™ Core Grouping Software and the 3M™ Grouper Plus System, the 3M PPC Software can be integrated into numerous information systems
- Claims data is risk-adjusted using the 3M™ APR DRG Classification System, generating more accurate analysis and comparisons
- The batch assignment tool allows health plans to quickly identify PPCs and the CMS HACs, using readily available administrative data (the POA indicator is required)
- Payers can monitor the progress of increased savings over time associated with efforts to reduce complications
- Creates an ASCII-formatted output file, which can then be uploaded to other computer systems for reporting and analysis
- Generates patient-level reports that can be directed to a printer individually or from an appended file
- 3M delivers timely updates and expert support to assist payers with implementation and software updates

## Call today

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## Product features

- Provides preference settings, including POA mapping to the national POA indicators
- Supports a traditional batch process and can operate standalone or networked on a Microsoft® Windows®-based PC
- In addition to batch processing, the 3M™ Core Grouping Software with the 3M PPC Software module also provides an interactive user interface for looking at one claim at a time



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