

## 3M™ Codefinder™ Software

- Provides a sophisticated, easy-to-learn solution for accurate, complete and compliant coding.
- Easily deployed as a web-based application.
- Delivers simplified ICD-10-AM coding via coding pathways utilising sophisticated expert decision logic.

### Intuitive coding and decision support

Designed for expert and novice coders alike, the 3M Codefinder Software offers more of everything you expect from the world's most popular coding software.

With 3M experts delivering consistent regulatory updates and clients providing continuous feedback, Codefinder works the way coders work, with all the latest features to address regulatory requirements and operational demands.

With easy-to-use menus, references and prompts, 3M Codefinder gives coders the functionality they need to code accurately and work productively.

### The challenge

Keeping up with the ever-changing rules and regulations of health care is difficult. Understanding and managing regulatory updates, classification guidelines, payment methodologies and the increasing volume of data in the EMR are formidable challenges.

In addition, the work to increase the integrity of clinical documentation and the increased specificity required for health data use have also become part of the coding landscape, adding to the complexity facing HIM professionals. These responsibilities have become key factors in the decision-making processes that can affect every level of a healthcare organisation.

### The 3M solution

Decisions made to improve quality throughout the hospital are based largely on data supplied by the HIM department. New technology and changing regulations have not altered the fact that medical record coding provides the basic foundation of every organisation's data. Today most hospitals depend on the functionality and reliability of 3M's coding software to build that foundation.

3M Codefinder is a sophisticated yet easy-to-use suite of tools that supports coders with powerful coding logic, giving them the confidence by meeting their needs for accuracy and efficiency.

The software is designed to provide appropriate support for novice to expert level coders. It guides the coder through the coding process, covering the full range of situations from complex diabetes scenarios to repetitive or typical patient encounters. At any time, the coder can view the selection of online references to clarify the situation and make appropriate decisions.

## 3M™ Codefinder™ Software

With 3M Codefinder, coders have a flexible tool that supports greater productivity allowing direct coding for routine procedures yet employing consistent rules and expert logic to help address unique or complex coding issues. For all of these reasons, 3M will continue to use this flagship coding and reimbursement solution as the coding engine for the 3M™ 360 Encompass™ System as it begins being deployed in the region.

### 3M: The coding experts

For over 30 years, 3M has been a leader in coding and reimbursement solutions for Australian and New Zealand organisations and has spent over a decade working with other clients in the region. Let our expertise help you stay compliant and efficient. With 3M Codefinder Software your coders can:

- Access an integrated ICD-10-AM code book from within the coding software
- Receive estimated reimbursement values

### 3M: Delivering coder confidence

Today's shortage of qualified coders requires organisations to identify ways to maintain coding accuracy and consistency. 3M Codefinder gives coders the support and confidence they need to follow correct coding rules and guidelines.

The following references are integrated into the software right where coders need them to expedite the coding process:

- ICD-10-AM Integrated Codebook
- Australian Coding Standards
- National Coding Advice

### Powerful components

- 3M™ Codefinder™ Software— Helps you manage the complex rules and terminology found in mandated rules, standards and guidelines.
- 3M Grouping software— Provides accurate AR-DRG grouping capabilities for national and state-based reimbursement methodologies. DRGs are automatically computed during coding to help improve coder productivity, and multiple DRG versions can be calculated simultaneously.
- Reimbursement can be calculated including funding adjustments based on current requirements.
- Hospital Acquired Complications are flagged.

### References within the system

Because specific coding references play such an important part in today's coding process, we include additional online references:

- Elsevier's Anatomy Plates
- National Coding Advice
- Victorian ICD Coding Queries (optional)

## Edits where and when you need them

Code editing is integrated seamlessly so that the codes assigned are continuously edited for quality. Codefinder edits are driven by our hosted Edit Engine and are based on the ICD-10-AM/ACHI coding classification, National Coding Advice, Australian Coding Standards and the AR-DRG grouper manual. In addition, there are Propriety Edits based on 3M Intellectual Property. The Edits provide real time on-screen feedback to coders to ensure compliance to standards and advice. Errors corrected at the time of coding enhance the quality of the coding and prevent the record needing to be retrieved at a later date for review and correction.

## Client support, 3M-style: Experienced, reliable, comprehensive

We hear over and over again that 3M's support is what sets us apart from the rest. The 3M Client Support Services team of dedicated analysts and product specialists are trained to provide the support clients need to keep their software running smoothly.

3M takes pride in delivering a comprehensive, three-pronged client support program consisting of:

- Support by phone, online or in-person site visits from the 3M Clinical Support Services team of experienced HIMs.
- Technical software support delivered via phone or online by knowledgeable 3M support analysts
- A "self-service" client-only support website with an extensive, searchable knowledge base and the ability to download software and regulatory updates as soon as they are available

Since the company's beginning, 3M Clinical Support teams have provided a unique-in-the-industry service to licensed 3M coding and grouping clients by:

- Gathering feedback from 3M clients on suggestions for enhancing 3M products
- Assisting 3M product development to continuously improve the quality and accuracy of the 3M Codefinder Software, 3M Core Grouper Software and 3M Grouper Plus Content Services
- Liaising with regulatory and governance organisations to support review and implementation of amendments and updates to coding and grouping methodologies

### 3M: A history of reliability

Since the early 1980s, 3M Health Information Systems has developed market-leading solutions to help improve your organisation's financial health. 3M Codefinder is key to generating more accurate coding and quality data for decision support and appropriate reimbursement. 3M also supports grouping and reimbursement configurations for National Activity Based funding, Victorian WIES funding and New Zealand WIES.

For more than 30 years, 3M's goal has been the consistent and timely delivery to our clients of software that incorporates the latest regulations, rules and guidelines needed to achieve complete, accurate and compliant coding.

## Call Today

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