3M™ APCfinder™ Software

- **Brings outpatient prospective payment system regulations for editing, grouping and reimbursement to the 3M™ Coding and Reimbursement System family of products**

- **Provides additional 3M-proprietary edits that can help improve the completeness of coding and claims, as well as reimbursement accuracy and timing**

- **Provides estimated payment for Ambulatory Payment Classifications (APCs), fee schedules and Medicare beneficiary co-payments**

The 3M advantage

3M APCfinder integrates with the 3M Coding and Reimbursement System to form a single, seamless software solution. The software is regularly updated to meet changing regulatory standards.

During the coding process, you can code, edit, group, and estimate payment for individual records to minimize errors and improve coding accuracy.

3M APCfinder can also help reduce coding compliance risk and improve the completeness and accuracy of claims.

Problem: effectively managing Medicare's OPPS

Years after its implementation, the Medicare outpatient prospective payment system (OPPS) continues to impact ambulatory operations, especially for services already coded by your HIM department, such as same-day surgeries, emergency room visits, and major diagnostic procedures.

Under the OPPS, it has always been important to track and manage every aspect of ambulatory care. For example, while claims with significant-procedure APCs may represent a relatively small percentage of your claim volume, they could represent a majority of your charges. As more surgeries are performed as outpatient procedures, more revenue depends on complete outpatient documentation and accurate coding.

The 3M solution

By using the **3M APCfinder Software** at the time of coding, your coders receive real-time information that can directly affect your bottom line, help improve outpatient coding, and also assess expected payment.

The 3M APCfinder Software can be added directly to your **3M Coding and Reimbursement System** as a menu item, so your coding professionals can more easily determine the correct APC codes for the charts they are already working on. With 3M APCfinder, you have a comprehensive source for the information needed to identify Outpatient Code Editor (OCE) edits, incomplete coding, and other potential problems. This information can help you more quickly resolve coding and claims issues that may impact claims processing by the fiscal intermediary/Medicare administrative contractor (MAC), which can in turn affect cash flow and hospital revenues.

3M APCfinder Software provides APC data *not just for Medicare patients, but for your entire outpatient population*. The software gives you precise grouping capabilities that can help you track resource usage, refine financial models, and sharpen your competitive edge.

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The power of integration

3M APCfinder and the **3M Coding and Reimbursement System** can be just the starting points for other applications within the 3M suite of products. When you add a database, data from the 3M coding products and 3M APCfinder can be used to help monitor patients, services, physicians, volumes, and costs.

For a robust database to use for reporting and data analysis, you can add the modules of the **3M™ Health Data Management (HDM) System**. The **3M™ Ambulatory Revenue Management Software (ARMS)** is the 3M HDM module that provides a powerful and comprehensive outpatient revenue cycle solution. Together, these 3M solutions can help you access and analyze a wealth of data for decision-making and can also help your outpatient revenue cycle team:

- Effectively address outpatient billing issues
- Detect and correct most outpatient billing errors before the bill is dropped
- Support physician and staff education targeted at reducing claims rejection and monitoring corrective actions

Discover the advantages of accurate grouping

Why not choose innovative software from a company with breadth and depth of experience in developing coding and classification systems for both inpatient and outpatient environments? Adding 3M APCfinder provides you with a comprehensive, feature-rich ambulatory data grouper that is maintained and supported by coding professionals.

Key benefits

- Helps improve coding accuracy, consistency, and completeness for proper payment of outpatient claims
- Provides more detailed information during the coding session than the standard OCE edits as defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which can help make error resolution more efficient and coders more productive
- Provides expected payments for APCs, fee schedules, and beneficiary co-payments during the coding process, so that potential errors or lapses in documentation can be identified and addressed
- Offers real-time feedback to healthcare professionals about the value of proper documentation and coding

Additional features

Updates. Updated each calendar quarter, ICD-10-CM diagnosis and HCPCS/CPT® procedure codes are incorporated into the software. Appropriate APC logic changes and OCE editing enhancements are also made to the 3M APCfinder Software, as well as reimbursement updates reflecting the latest values from CMS.

Edits. CMS is expanding the OCE edits both in scope and impact as they relate to payment under OPPS, including the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits.

In addition to the complete suite of OCE edits, 3M provides additional edits to help coders improve coding quality, completeness, accuracy compliance and consistency.

Interface. 3M APCfinder uses the same interface as the 3M™ Coding and Reimbursement System, which can help make implementation easier and faster.

Reimbursement. The reimbursement component of 3M APCfinder addresses all aspects of Medicare payment for outpatient services by:

- Calculating APC weight, payment, wage adjustment, discount, Medicare payment, outlier payment, device pass-through amount, and beneficiary co-payment by line items and total claim payments for Medicare, patient responsibility (including deductible amounts, if entered), and fee schedule payments
- Providing fee schedule payments for: clinical laboratory tests; therapies (physical, speech, and occupational); durable medical equipment; and national fee schedule payments as defined by CMS

Medical necessity. While not an integral component to 3M APCfinder, medical necessity edits can be added to the software to provide a review of medical necessity edits along with OCE edits.

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