

3M™ Core Grouping Software

- Provides fast, accurate Diagnosis Related Grouping
- Configurable to output multiple DRG versions
- Able to calculate multiple DRG variations

An all-in-one approach

3M Core Grouping Software delivers interactive and high-speed batch processing with the power of 3M's grouping and editing expertise. As a result, you get a comprehensive processing application. Regular updates help keep your episode processing accurate and complete.

A single tool to meet all your processing needs

3M Core Grouping Software is a computerised application that sets a new standard for efficiently and effectively processing episodic data.

With 3M's proven grouping and editing functionality at its core, the software classifies patients whilst evaluating the accuracy and completeness of the clinical data in alignment with classification used in Australian and New Zealand.

The software includes a number of continually-updated grouping methodologies, editing components and formulas delivered in a single, comprehensive tool that can help you:

- Evaluate the accuracy and completeness of clinical data
- Review coding accuracy
- Review DRG output

Output and processing options

The 3M Core Grouping Software offers:

- Patient-level reports that can be directed to a printer individually or from an appended file
- Output files in a fixed length or delimited text file that can then be uploaded to another system for reporting and analysis

Available content

- AR-DRG versions 4.1, 4.2, 5.0, 5.1, 5.2, 6.0, 6.1, 6.0x, 7.0, 8.0, 9.0, 10.0 (11.0 available end of 2022)
- DRG variations (AR-DRGs, VIC DRGs, NZ DRGs)
- All Editions of ICD-10-AM/ACHI
- Vic WIES23-27
- ABF NEP 2016/17 - Current
- HAC version 1.0, 1.1, 2.0, 3.0 and 3.1
- Australian Mental Health Care Classification Version 1.0

Ability to customise

By customising the 3M Core Grouping Software, you can also:

- Use code-mapping that allows ICD-10 codes from one year to be used with a grouper from another year
- Evaluate all secondary diagnoses as principal, generating a potential DRG for each secondary diagnosis
- Customise grouper-effective dates
- Configure user schedules to process input data across multiple ICD editions

Interactive or batch

The 3M Core Grouping Software supports batch processing in two main formats fixed format (.txt) or delimited (.csv) An interactive mode is also available for record analysis.

Batch processing handles volumes of records efficiently, while interactive interface mode lets you enter, modify and process individual records and review the output from the grouping and reimbursement calculation.

The software is adaptable and scalable and can operate standalone or networked (file server and client workstation). Being built on Java CGS is platform independent so can be installed on a Microsoft Windows, Unix, Solaris or AIX platforms. Refer to the *3M Core Grouping Software Configuration Sheet* for specific information on hardware and software requirements.

Ongoing support

With 3M support, clients can install and configure the 3M Core Grouping Software themselves. As agencies implement new policies or issue regulatory updates, 3M provides the corresponding software updates to licensed clients via downloadable updates and documentation from our client only website. 3M customer support representatives are available by phone or online to assist you during and after implementation and updates.

The following new output options are now available for licencing:

Hospital Acquired Complications (HAC) Module

When using batch mode, you have the option to calculate and output hospital acquired complications information based on your coded data input. This option allows you to determine the impact of HACs on your episodes of care.

Input: Coded data (Condition Onset Flag and ICD-10-AM codes)

Output: HAC Group Classification - interprets the data and assigns the appropriate HAC group and subcategory (as per the Australian Commission Safety and Quality in Health Care).

HAC version 1.0, 1.1, 2.0, 3.0 and 3.1

ABF Reimbursement Module

Your 3M grouping solution now has the ability to output the estimated ABF reimbursement calculations. This enables you to output the calculations direct to your data warehouse rather than regrouping your data back through an additional data workflow. Additionally, this module will calculate the HAC group determinations and include these adjustments in the reimbursement calculations.

Input: Routinely collected data (e.g. ICD codes, care type, hours of mechanical ventilation, funding source)

Output: Grouper can now calculate the estimated reimbursement calculations (NWAU)

The National Efficient Price Determination is available for all financial years beginning 2015-16

Integrated Grouping Module for Australian Mental Health Care Classification (AMHCC)

Developed by IHPA, the AMHCC is designed to explain resource consumption across different mental health settings. The integrated grouping module requires specific inputs and produces an end class which is used by the ABF reimbursement module to calculate NWAU for admitted patients in a mental health care type.

Input: Setting, mental health phase of care, age, complexity [derived from Health of the Nation Outcome Scales (HoNOS), mental health legal status (MHLS) and Life Skills Profile (LSP-16)]

Output: AMHCC End class

Available for separations from 1 July 2022.

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