



Summary of Changes

3M™ Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) System

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For licensees of the 3M™ Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) System, this document would be identifying changes for the new version of EAPGs released each January. This year, there is no new version of EAPGs being released as we prepare for the release of EAPG 4.0 in January of 2025. EAPG 4.0 is a major system revision for the outpatient methodology. Additional information will be provided throughout the year highlighting the features of EAPG 4.0, in comparison to the current EAPG grouper under version 3.18.

The EAPG grouper software update this January 2024 contains versions 3.12 through 3.18. All versions have been updated with new, deleted and modified HCPCS codes. There are seven years of grouper versions maintained in the software from 2014 through 2024. Additionally, grouper versions 3.10 and 3.11 remain in the grouper for historical claims processing, but do not receive code updates.

Each year, 3M revises the EAPG patient classification logic for two reasons:

1. To accommodate changes in health care code sets, most importantly the International Classification of Diseases, Version 10, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM), the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®), and the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) usually does an annual update to the ICD-10-CM code set each October 1 and April 1. The American Medical Association makes its major update to the CPT code set each January 1 and makes some additional updates quarterly. DHHS updates the HCPCS code set quarterly. 3M releases quarterly updates of the EAPG grouper to reflect code set updates made during the year. HCPCS and CPT codes effective for January 1, 2024, are included in version 3.12 through 3.18.
2. 3M continually performs research to enhance the clinical precision of the EAPG logic. Our current research efforts for the grouper are focused on EAPG version 4.0, scheduled to be available in January of 2025.

As shown in Table 1, between October 1, 2022, and January 1, 2024, there is a net increase of 405 ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, or 0.55%. Table 2 shows a net increase of 533 CPT®/HCPCS codes or 2.92%.

Table 1. Comparison of ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes

	Effective 10/01/2022	Effective 01/01/2024
Total ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes	73,642	74,047
Number of new diagnosis codes	1,176	395
Number of deleted diagnosis codes	287	25
Number of revised diagnosis codes	28	22
Note: The rows for total, new, deleted, and revised compare the October 2022 to January 2024 counts.		

Table 2. Updates to CPT® and HCPCS procedure codes

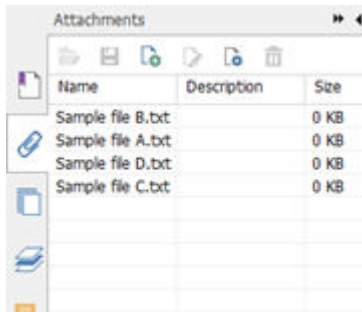
	Effective 01/01/2023	Effective 01/01/2024
Total CPT®/HCPCS codes	18,296	18,814
Number of new CPT/HCPCS procedure codes combined	453	752
Number of deleted CPT/HCPCS procedure codes combined	93	21 9
Note: Totals for CPT and HCPCS codes include the April, July, and October 2023, and counts effective for January 2024 code updates. The rows for total, new, deleted and revised compare the January 2023 to approximate January 2024 counts.		

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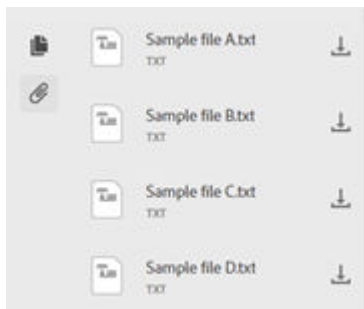
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EAPG grouper field and logic changes

Input fields

There are no new input fields.

Output fields

There are no new output fields.

Logic changes

There are no new logic changes.

Summary of clinical refinements to the EAPG grouper

No clinical refinements were made to the EAPG grouper for version 3.18.24.

EAPG changes

There are no new or deleted EAPGs.

EAPG Category changes

There are no new EAPG categories added and no EAPG categories are deleted.

EAPG Service Line changes

There are no new EAPG service lines or modifications.

Procedure code changes

The following CPT®/HCPCS procedure codes are added, deleted, or revised, effective 01/01/2024.

To see the list of codes and code descriptions refer to the tab name provided in the following table in the attached Annual Summary of Changes spreadsheet.

Table 3. Procedure code changes

Procedures	Number of codes	Annual Summary of Changes attachment - worksheet tab name
New	505	HCPCS ADDED
Deleted	185	HCPCS DELETED
Description revisions	310	HCPCS MODIFIED
Total 2024 CPT/HCPCS codes	18,814	

Significant Procedure EAPG counts

The following table lists the number of significant procedure encounters or visits per EAPG type observed in the refreshed outpatient CY 2022 claims data set, noting the differences seen in the data sets possibly due to practice pattern shifts. Note that the number of encounters or visits is counted rather than total number of claims, which is indicative that multiple encounters may be present for an individual claim. Individual significant procedure visit count also acknowledges the presence of any consolidation or discounting of multiple significant procedures.

Table 4. EAPG v3.18 Significant Procedure Type distribution in data

SP Type	Type Description	Visit Count v3.18.23	Visit Count v3.18.24	Difference	Percent Difference
2	Significant Procedure	4,634,073	4,485,083	148,990	3.32
21	Physical Therapy & Rehab	3,907,587	4,096,359	188,772	4.61
22	Behavioral Health & Counseling	1,132,150	1,062,147	70,003	6.59
23	Dental or Oral Surgery Procedures	14,447	14,634	187	1.28