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For licensees of the Solventum™ 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 July 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 2025 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 which cover visit dates from 2019 through 2025. Additionally, grouper versions 3.10 and 3.11 remain in the grouper for historical claims processing, but do not receive code updates.

Each year, Solventum revises the EAPG patient classification logic for three 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. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) updates the HCPCS code set quarterly. Solventum releases quarterly updates of the EAPG grouper to reflect code set updates made during the year. HCPCS and CPT codes effective for January 1, 2025, are included in version 3.12 through 3.18.
2. Solventum 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 July of 2025.
3. To develop a set of national relative weights reflective of the most current claims data from the CMS OPPS. Since there are no changes to the current EAPG grouper version, a refreshed set of relative weights were developed based on CY 2023 claims data.

As shown in Table 1, between October 1, 2023, and January 1, 2025, there is a net increase of 216 ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes, or 0.29%. Table 2 shows a net increase of 454 CPT®/HCPCS codes or 2.4%.

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

	Effective 10/01/2023	Effective 01/01/2025
Total ICD-10-CM diagnosis codes	74,044	74,260
Number of new diagnosis codes	395	252
Number of deleted diagnosis codes	25	36
Number of revised diagnosis codes	22	13
Note: The rows for total, new, deleted, and revised compare the October 2023 to January 2025 counts.		

Table 2. Updates to CPT® and HCPCS procedure codes

	Effective 01/01/2023	Effective 01/01/2024
Total CPT®/HCPCS	18,814	19,282
Number of new CPT/HCPCS procedure codes combined	752	622
Number of deleted CPT/HCPCS procedure codes combined	219	158
Note: Totals for CPT and HCPCS codes include the April, July, and October 2024, and counts effective for January 2025 code updates. The rows for total, new, deleted, and revised compare the January 2024 to approximate January 2025 counts.		

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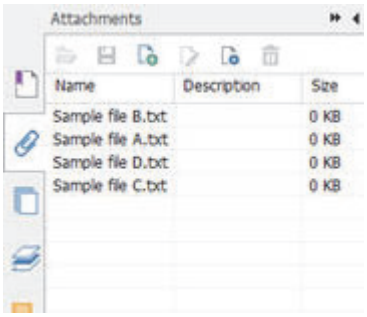
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