

February 15, 2012 – Issue Identified with 3M™ All Patient Refined™ DRG (APR-DRG) Grouper Version 28 Released with Windows and SAS Version 4.3

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has identified an issue related to inconsistent Risk of Mortality (ROM) results generated by 3M™ APR-DRG Grouper Version 28. The 3M APR-DRG grouper is used in Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQI) mortality measures. The inconsistent ROM results are limited to cases dated 10/1/10 and thereafter. This issue has been addressed by 3M™, and a new version of the APR-DRG Grouper (Version 29) will be distributed with Windows and SAS Version 4.4. Version 29 of the Grouper will also be distributed in an update of the Version 4.3 Windows and SAS QI software. This update will be made available on the AHRQ website subsequent to the release of Version 4.4.

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