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Maximize your prospective payment system investments with Optum EASYGroup

Maintaining rules, content and ongoing regulations can be overwhelming. The leader in prospective payment system (PPS) reimbursement, Optum® EASYGroup™ keeps up with ever-changing PPS rules and does all the updating for you.

EASYGroup is a portable software library for managing prospective payment system risk. It can help health plans save money by accurately paying out-of-network Medicare claims and standardizing contract management practices for hospitals and physicians. EASYGroup seamlessly integrates with existing host systems to manage prospective payment for 17 federal payment systems (DRG, APC, etc.) as well as more than 36 state- and payer-specific payment systems.

Sophisticated interface mechanism

EASYGroup simplifies PPS reimbursement by integrating its extensive PPS data into your core claims applications. Using coding and reimbursement data from a single source enables payers to provide consistent results across several different functions: patient access, charge capture, coding, billing, contract management and decision support.

Automatic regulatory content updates

The numerous regulatory updates associated with PPS can be difficult to manage, especially if you're using multiple payment systems. Our advanced technology provides timely updates to your EASYGroup software by offering electronic options that expedite the update process. Our single update process delivers updates without using IT resources and facilitates compliance with current regulations.

Flexible technology offerings

EASYGroup is available for multiple technical delivery models and has been integrated with multiple business partners and technology vendors. We also provide professional services from pre-implementation planning to post-implementation maintenance to help you successfully deploy and maintain your EASYGroup software.

EASYGroup provides the tools necessary to:

- Accurately pay out-of-network Medicare claims
- Verify claims from providers
- Effectively negotiate PPS contracts

Large and portable software library

EASYGroup is a portable software library offering more than 50 federal, state and payer-specific prospective payment systems — the most comprehensive PPS solution available today. Its sophisticated technology allows hospital and physician contracts related to federal and state reimbursement to be effectively maintained, updated and negotiated.

EASYGroup components:

- **Groupers** — Provides accurate classification and case-mix assignment. Includes support of ICD-10 and ICD-9 DRGs, APCs, APGs, CMGs, PDGMs/HHRGs, PDPMs/RUGs and others.

- **Pricers** — Supports payment calculations, including calculations for inliers, outliers, transfers and payer-specific rules.

- **Mappers** — Verifies that the ICD-9 or ICD-10 codes supplied with each claim are consistent with the grouper coding requirements. If codes aren't consistent with requirements, the mapper translates them into codes that are recognized by the grouper. The ICD-10 mapper also translates incoming ICD-10 codes into ICD-10 or ICD-9 codes for use with older groupers.

- **Editors** — Supports the numerous editing requirements of PPS and includes the Medicare Code Edits (MCE), Outpatient Code Edits (OCE), Correct Coding Initiative (CCI) Edits, Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE) and Optum clinical and reimbursement edits.

- **Rate Manager** — Builds and manages the complex rate tables and provider agreements needed to price PPS claims while allowing you to adapt to ongoing rule changes for maintaining accurate reimbursement.

- **Supporting data files** — Fee schedules, case mix (DRG, APC, etc.) weights, code translation files, codes and titles/descriptions.

- **National Medicare Provider Rate Files (NMPRF) and State Rate Files (SRF)** — A comprehensive source of Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement information enabling you to calculate accurate reimbursement for any Medicare- or Medicaid-supported provider in every supported care setting.

Flexible delivery models

EASYGroup can be deployed on site or via a cloud-based delivery model. Both solutions can be integrated throughout your enterprise and used to manage all PPS components.

Learn how Optum EASYGroup can simplify PPS reimbursement.

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