

## Maximize your PPS investments with Optum EASYGroup™



Maintaining rules, content, and ongoing regulations can be overwhelming. A leader in PPS reimbursement, Optum EASYGroup™ keeps up with ever-changing PPS rules and does all the updating for you.

EASYGroup, a portable software library for managing prospective payment systems (PPS) risk, 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 10 federal payment systems (DRG, APC, etc.) as well as more than 30 state/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 utilizing 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 via the Internet without using IT resources and facilitates compliance with current regulations.

### **Flexible technology offerings**

EASYGroup is available in multiple technology flavors including COBOL, C, Windows Server®, and Web Services and can be integrated with multiple business partners and technology vendors. In addition, we provide professional integration services from pre-implementation planning to post-implementation maintenance, to help you successfully deploy your EASYGroup software.

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### **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 40 federal-, state-, and payer-specific prospective payment systems—one of the most comprehensive PPS solutions 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 casemix assignment. Includes support of ICD-10 and ICD-9 DRGs, APCs, APGs, CMGs, ASCs, and others.

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

**Mappers**—Verifies that the codes supplied 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 connects to the ICD-10 Medicare DRG Grouper to emulate an October 1, 2013 Medicare inpatient claims processing environment.

**Editors**—Supports the numerous requirements of PPS; includes the Medicare Code Editor, Outpatient Code Editor, Correct Coding Initiative Editor, Medically Unlikely Edits, Local/National Coverage Determinations, and Optum clinical and reimbursement edits.

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

**Supporting Data Files**—Fee schedules, DRG/APC weights, code translation files, codes, and titles/descriptions.

**National Medicare Provider Rate File (NMPRFs)**—A comprehensive source of Medicare reimbursement information enabling you to calculate accurate reimbursement for any Medicare supported facility.

**Optimizer**—An intelligent integration broker allowing you to communicate with all of EASYGroup's components including Pricers, Editors, and Mappers.

**ICD-10**—Medicare DRG Grouper and ICD-10 to ICD-9 translation

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## Manage all your enterprise content with Optum ECM Pro

The Optum Enterprise Content Manager (ECM) Pro™ solution is comprised of a suite of knowledge servers that can be integrated throughout your enterprise. ECM Pro manages both structured (code lists, classification systems, edit rules, pricing algorithms) and unstructured (program memoranda, industry research) content—including EASYGroup, EASYEdit, EASYCode, Knowledge Reference Library, and Content Builders.

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For more information about how Optum EASYGroup can simplify PPS reimbursement, call **800.765.6807** or email **empower@optum.com**.



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