Truven Health Medical Episode Grouper enables health plans to analyze patient treatments, evaluate quality of care, and manage associated costs. It does so by grouping inpatient, outpatient, and pharmaceutical claims into clinically homogeneous units of analysis called episodes that describe a patient’s complete course of care for a single illness or condition. The result is a sophisticated methodology that is used for a wide range of applications such as provider profiling, disease management, quality improvement, and cost and use analysis. Organizations can incorporate Medical Episode Grouper into their existing information system, or it can serve as an integrated component of Truven Health Advantage Suite™.

Health Plans must Answer:
- Can we provide a credible response to the claim “My patients are sicker!”?
- Can we fairly assess the extent to which medical treatments are appropriate?
- Are we using accurate methods to rate employer groups and compare physicians?

The Cornerstone for Accurate Healthcare Analysis
Medical Episode Grouper is an established episode methodology that is used by payers analyzing over 43 million covered lives. Since its inception in 1998, Medical Episode Grouper has been continually improved and is a trusted resource for its ability to accurately measure physician performance, improve quality, and reduce costs. Physicians identify with a methodology that is based on clinical models and find Medical Episode Grouper’s risk-adjustments credible. Founded upon 25 years of clinical expertise, Medical Episode Grouper makes accurate physician evaluation possible and enables plans to evaluate quality of care.

Six Questions to Ask When Selecting a Medical Episode Grouper
1. Does it offer specific and detailed characterization of the clinical severity of a patient’s illness?
The Building Blocks of a Clinically Robust Episode Grouper Methodology

- Data Sources
- Classification
- Beginning and Ending Episodes
- Inclusion Logic
- Mapping of National Drug Codes (NDCs)
- Lookback Procedure
- Data Cut Backs
- Physician Attribution

Risk-Adjusted Medical Episode Grouper Helps Health Plans More Accurately Evaluate Physicians

Adjusting for patient risk avoids overcompensating physicians with healthier patients and undercompensating those with sicker patients.

The Truven Health Analytics℠ Difference
Risk-Adjusted Medical Episode Grouper is uniquely qualified to support your analytic needs by:

- Incorporating predictive modeling risk scores
- Mapping 15,000+ ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes
- Choosing clinical models most relevant to physicians
- Employing disease management severity stratification
- Frequently updating coding/pharmacy logic
- Using disease staging methodology

Only Medical Episode Grouper has a patent-pending, risk-adjusted methodology which results in higher predictive value. Medical Episode Grouper also incorporates the fifth edition Disease Staging® patient classification with over 550 disease categories — enabling a sophisticated understanding of conditions, disease progression, and care choices.

And Medical Episode Grouper is continuously reviewed and improved by a distinguished panel of clinical experts.

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