Year 4 Medi-Cal DRG Payment Policy and Grouper Settings SFY 2016-17 *(5/23/16)*

The purpose of this document is to provide users with the setup for the 3M™ APR-DRG desktop grouper for state fiscal year (SFY) 2016-17 (claims with admission dates beginning 7/1/16 through 6/30/17). The recommended settings shown in this document correspond to the settings used within the California Medicaid Management System (CAMMIS) mainframe grouper, which pays Medi-Cal DRG claims.

Some important points to consider specific to SFY 2016-17 are:

- Medi-Cal policy for each SFY is applied based upon the admission date of the claim. With ICD-10 fully implemented, discharge date has no bearing on grouper settings in Year 4 of DRG payment as it did only in Year 3. The grouper settings must be set to **"keyed by"** admission date.

- These settings will vary in this document based on the claims' admission dates:

  - **Entered code mapping:** Each July 1, the newest version of the APR-DRG grouper is implemented (V.33 7/1/16), which requires the setting for *no code mapping* for admissions between 7/1/16-9/30/16. For admissions on or after 10/1/16, continue to use V.33 until notified of the update to V.34 mapper upgrade.

  - **Mapping type:** Choose none or historical based on admission dates. Only *admissions* on or after 10/1/16 require historical mapping. See Table 1 and Figure 1 for details on which mapping type to use.

- These settings will apply to all Year 4 claims regardless of admission dates:

  - **HAC version:** Use HAC V.33 until notified otherwise.

  - **ICD version indicator (located on claim record):** The "ICD version indicator" should be set to "0" on the claim record for all claims with discharge dates after 10/1/15.

For grouper settings for Years 1-3 of DRG payment, see the Pricing Resource webpages for each state fiscal year on the DHCS DRG webpage at http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DRG.aspx.

Table 1

Year 4 SFY 2016-17 Medi-Cal DRG Claims Grouper Setting Options (5/23/16)

Option	Admit Date	Grouper Version	Mapping	HAC
1	07/1/16 to 09/30/16	V.33	None	V.33
2	10/1/16 to 06/30/17	V.33	Historical	V.33

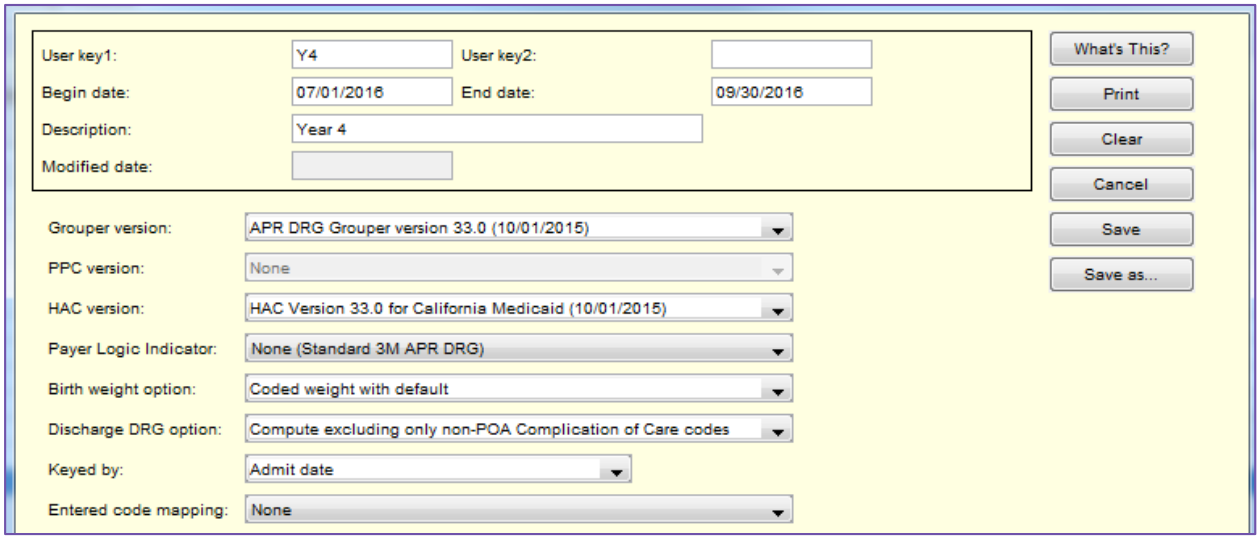
Notes:

1. Only the admission date determines the need for historical mapping. Unlike Year 3, which saw the implementation of ICD-10, discharge date does not affect this setting in Year 4.

2. In order for new diagnoses and procedures to be included in the DRG assignment, the updated APR-DRG Mapper must be implemented. Though the new mapper must be used in the desktop APR-DRG version settings each October 1, this will not match the mainframe CAMMIS claims system if the mapper in the mainframe has not been updated. (The CAMMIS mainframe has been programmed to extend the end date on the mapper allowing for more time, if needed, for the upgrade.)

Figure 1 Option 1:

Year 4 CA DRG SFY 2016-17 Admission Date on or after 7/1/16 and before 10/1/16



Year 4 CA DRG SFY 2016-17 Admission Date on or after 10/1/16

A screengrab showing what the grouper setting should be for claims with admission dates on or after 10/1/16 are not available at this time. 3M has not yet made available V.34 of the APR-DRG grouper, mapper, and HAC utility; they are scheduled for release prior to 10/1/16.

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