

February 17, 2012 – CLARIFICATION: Issue Identified with the Risk-of-Mortality Assignments Returned from the Limited License edition of the 3M™ All Patient Refined™ DRG (APR-DRG) Grouper Version 28 Embedded in the AHRQ QI Software Windows and SAS Version 4.3

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has identified an issue with the Risk of Mortality (ROM) assignments returned from the Limited License edition of the 3M™ APR-DRG Grouper Version 28 embedded in the AHRQ QI software Windows and SAS Version 4.3. The 3M APR-DRG grouper ROM assignments are used in the risk-adjustment of the Inpatient Quality Indicators (IQI) mortality measures. The incorrect ROM assignment results are limited to discharges dated 10/1/2010 and thereafter. This issue has been addressed by 3M™, and a new edition of the Limited License version of the 3M™ APR-DRG Grouper Version 29 will be distributed with Windows and SAS Version 4.4. The Limited License Grouper Version 29 will also be distributed in an update of the Windows and SAS Version 4.3. This update will be made available on the AHRQ QI website subsequent to the release of Version 4.4.