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Symmetry Procedure Episode Groups (PEG)

PEG introduces a new unit of analysis designed to focus on the services provided by surgeons to support value-based measurement.

Executive Summary

Ingenix proudly introduces a new grouper methodology, Procedure Episode Groups[™], (PEG[™]) to the industry. PEG provides health care organizations with an enhanced approach to measuring the performance of surgical providers by:

- Including surgical procedures, workup, and post-procedural services
- Providing a simple method for comparing providers by clinical specialties
- Creating the data for sequence-of-care analysis

PEG Overview

Health care organizations face a growing need to measure the value of health care provided by specialty surgeons and accommodate their unique procedural focus in that assessment. This effort to define a consistent unit of measurement for surgeon specialists is built upon more than a decade of Symmetry[™] experience.

Unified Unit of Measurement for Surgical Procedures

PEG methodology uses carefully designed algorithms, based on clinical guidelines and a complete understanding of the complexity of medical claims data, to facilitate accurate identification and thorough development of complete procedure episodes.

Evaluate Clinical Specialists

One of the most important features of a tool that compares procedures is its ability to accurately assign procedure episodes to the clinical specialists who performed them. PEG assigns every procedure episode to one responsible provider, who will be identified on a claim that occurs on the same date of service as the anchor procedure or the procedure that defines the procedure episode.

Part of the Symmetry family

Symmetry has more than fifteen years' experience with case mix adjustment. As the newest member to the Symmetry family, PEG compliments the existing tools in the Symmetry Suite, providing better value-based measurement support to providers and offering a more complete solution in health care management. This unique tool for health care measurement and analysis' grouping technology is built upon Symmetry Episode Treatment Groups[®] (ETG[®]) and employs a methodology consistent with the Symmetry Suite products.

Key Features

PEG takes a new approach to understanding surgical procedures by providing a consistent methodology for measuring value. PEG features:

- **More than 180 procedure episodes, categorized into six procedure practice categories**
- **A complete unit of analysis for surgical procedures**
- **Easy identification of repeated procedures**
- **Flexible output files that can be seamlessly integrated into existing data marts and other applications**
- **Information for analyzing the sequence of care related to surgical procedures**
- **Combined episode flag to alert the presence of a competing anchor procedure**
- **Transparent and available data for drill down detail to the original claims**
- **Content update service to keep pharmacy and medical code libraries up to date**
- **Grouping of responsible surgical providers into pre-defined clinical specialties, creating ideal conditions for value-based measurement**

Benefits

PEG produces a complete picture of the resources used during a major therapeutic procedure, creating a unit of analysis for deriving financial knowledge as well as measuring quality of care around these procedures. Resulting analysis can be used to:

- **Compare resource utilization for providers, groups, and health plans**
- **Identify workup and conservative care prior to the surgical procedure**
- **Evaluate follow up care after the surgical procedure**
- **Gauge indicators of failed procedures**
- **Create benchmarks for resource comparison**

Service Options

Let our experienced team of clinical, analytical, and data professionals do the legwork for you. Our Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) service provides data quality analysis and processing of conforming data to provide this valuable Procedure Episode Groups output. Whether as a stopgap measure or an ongoing service, our team can help you meet your needs.

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