

CMS Support Questions and Answers
MDS 3.0 Vendor Call
June 10, 2021

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2021-001	For FY2022, will you continue to provide updates to the PDPM Grouper DLL v1.0009 in addition to the java version? Please let us know if we can continue to use the DLL or if we have to switch to java. Thank you.	The PDPM grouper will only be delivered as a java component moving forward, so vendors will need to transition to integrate with the java component.
2021-002	The two assessment strings included in PdpTest.java only contain 3688 bytes – they should be 3690 bytes. I have a 3690-byte assessment string which I can pass into the DLL and get back a 5-character HIPPS code, but when I use the same string to call pdpm.exe, I get a “string index out of bounds” exception.	On the string position 3689 should be carriage return and 3690 should be “Line feed character.” Both are not visible, so it would actually look like it has 3688 bytes. Currently, the grouper will throw an SnfError when the line length is greater than 3688 bytes. We will update that to only throw errors when the line is shorter than 3688 bytes.
2021-003	Can you please provide sample code on how to call your java program from a Microsoft Visual Studio application?	The following will be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grouper software (java grouper JAR) • Technical specifications • Test cases
2021-004	In reviewing the JAR file for PDPM, we noted that the JAR file is using a flat file format. IRF-PAI and MDS 3.0 are both submitted to CMS using XML files and the IRF-PAI JAR file uses XML specifications. To our knowledge, flat file submissions are no longer supported. That being said, it would be highly beneficial to all vendors if the MDS 3.0 JAR file could support XML input along with flat file input. This would keep it in line with PAI and the current submission process. Is this something that could be added or is this already planned for implementation?	Currently, there is no XML format for SNF/PDPM. The java-based grouper was developed based on the functionality of the DLL. The objective was to get the grouper on the java platform and table utilizing the fixed string before supporting XML. This is a future enhancement 3M will review with CMS.

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2021-005	The version output for Z0100b lists 10/01/20-12//31/20 = 1.0005. Should it not be 1.0008?	The versioning was due to the development timeline. Since there were no logic updates between 1.0005 and 1.0008, the version number wasn't increased.
2021-006	Is it possible to publish the Java code so it can be built? Or maybe, is it possible to make changes to the code as we suggested above (add more attributes to the SnfClaim class so they can be read in the caller), so we don't have to build it by ourselves?	The source code for the beta release of the v2.0 JAVA PDPM grouper was made available in the zip file at the following location: https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/pdpm-grouper-jar-package-v20000-beta-correction-4-22-21.zip The final release will include the source as well and will be posted on the CMS.gov website.