



Axiom Decision Support 2018.4

Release Notes

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Summary

Kaufman Hall is pleased to announce the 2018.4 release of Axiom Decision Support. Each product release provides new features, enhancements, and configuration options to meet your needs. Many of these features and enhancements are a direct result of your feedback and suggestions.

Summary of the upgrade process:

1. **Review product release notes** – Review this document to familiarize yourself with the new features and functionality.
2. **Schedule an installation date** – Contact support@kaufmanhall.com or your implementation consultant, and they will confirm an installation period with you.
3. **Back up Axiom database** – Kaufman Hall will confirm that you have a current backup of your Axiom database before applying the upgrade.
4. **Apply upgrade** – Arrange with your IT staff on an agreeable time for scheduled downtime to apply the program and product upgrade. This includes any post-upgrade hot-fix files that need to be copied into the system to address any post-release known issues that have been resolved.
5. **Complete manual updates** – After installing the upgrade, if needed, review any manual setup steps needed to enable features for this version.

Support

As always, we appreciate your support of Kaufman Hall and look forward to continuing to meet your financial management needs. If you have any questions about your upgrade, contact Kaufman Hall Software Support at 1-888-543-6833 or support@kaufmanhall.com.

Training

Kaufman Hall offers multiple training options for our customers. These courses are part of your maintenance agreement and are free of charge. We strongly urge you to take advantage of all training options, including:

- Self-help videos
- Recorded webinars
- Virtual training courses

Product upgrade notes

IMPORTANT: Apply this update ONLY if you have already applied the 2018.3 (September 2018) release and completed all the manual setup steps from the corresponding release notes.

When upgrading to the 2018.4 version of Axiom Decision Support, keep in mind the following:

- This product upgrade contains new tables, columns, updated templates, reports, scripts/imports and remediated defects.
- KHA delivered reports may be replaced. Any report that you saved under a different name or created new will remain untouched. Replaced reports are available in Document History, if needed.
- Any KHA delivered report that you moved to a new location since the last upgrade will automatically move back to its original location.
- KHA product templates and calculation method libraries will be replaced.
- Product task panes will be replaced.
- Process definitions will not be replaced.
- Security roles and sub-systems will be reset to their configured settings. All user security exceptions you may have made will remain intact.
- Specific items configured as part of your company or organization's implementation such as imports, exports, driver files, and process management files, will remain as is. Any required modifications to these areas are covered in the release notes, if required.

New features summary

This section includes a description for each new feature included in this release.

Nursing Utilization dashboard

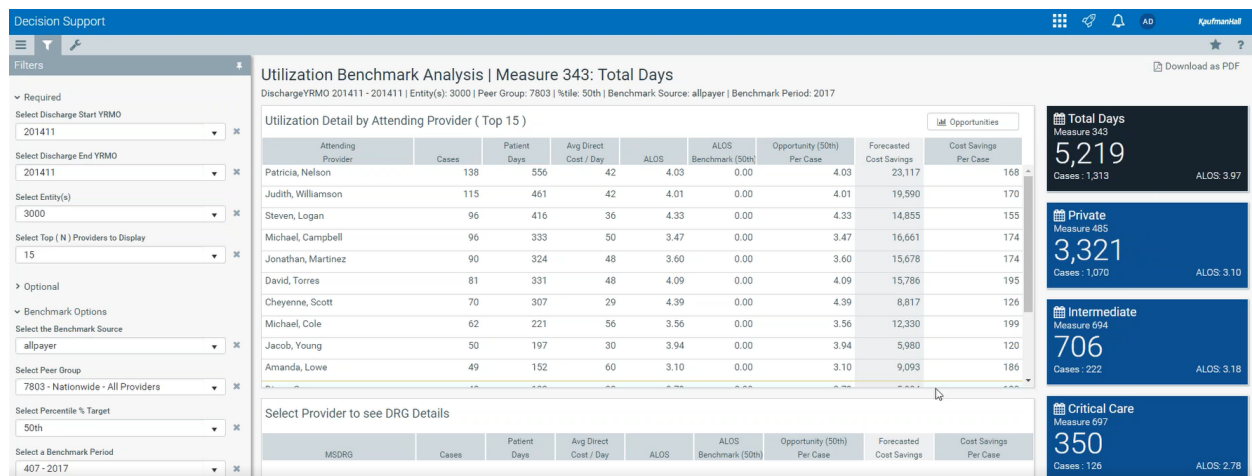
NOTE: To use this feature, you must have access to Peak benchmark data. For more information, contact your Kaufman Hall Representative.

The Nursing Utilization dashboard provides benchmarks and quality measures to help your organization evaluating performance to aid in establishing goals and thresholds.

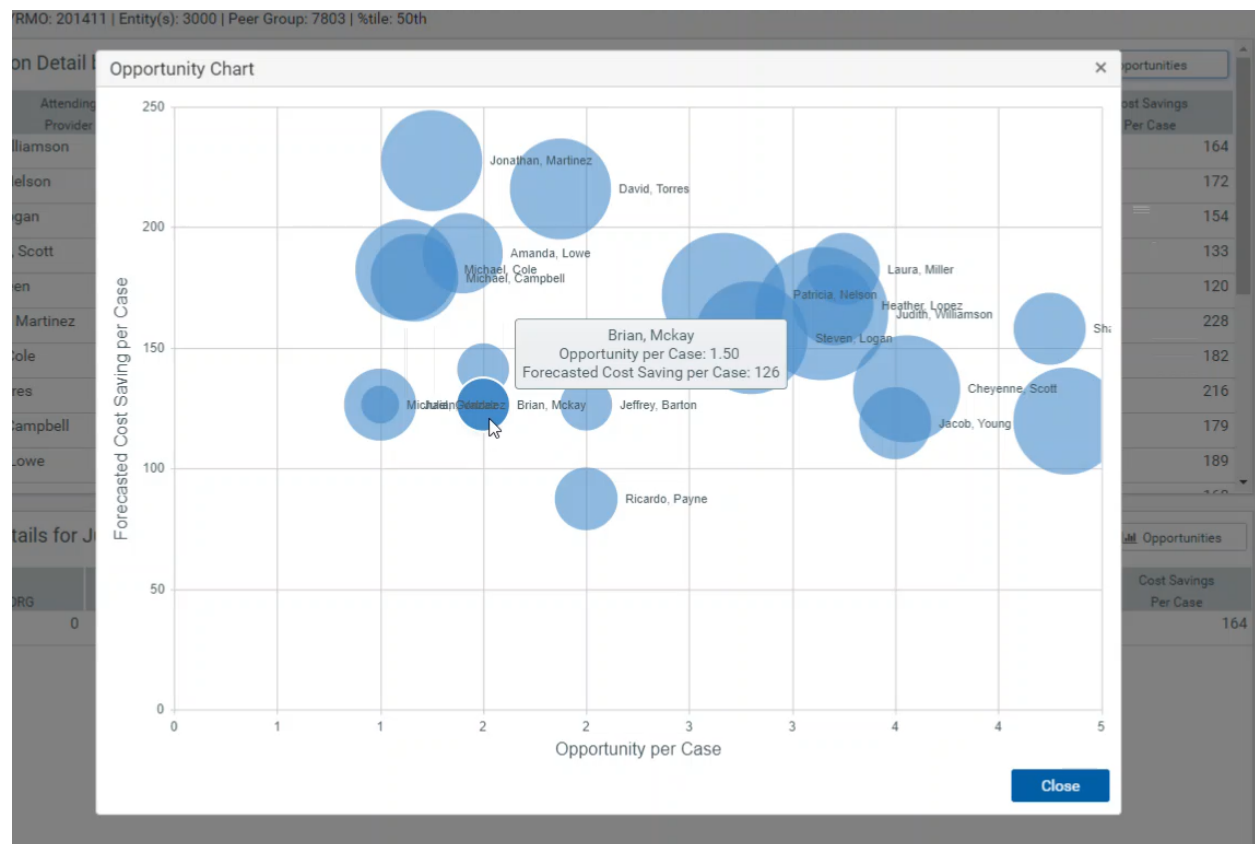
The dashboard displays specific utilization measures, which display in a KPI panel. These measures include:


- Total Days (Measure 343)
- Private (Measure 485)
- Intermediate (Measure 694)
- Critical Care (Measure 697)
- ICU (Measure 487)
- Coronary Care (Measure 486)

The dashboard includes a filter panel (which you can pin to the left of dashboard) to set the variables for the information you want to view. You can then click any of the KPI utilization measures on the left side of the page to drill into more detail. You can then examine the relationship between your ALOS across your nursing units with the direct cost associated with them. You can also compare your organization with other peer groups to determine opportunities to improve utilization. If opportunities exist, the dashboard illustrates them and identifies where they exist: service line, payer, provider, or DRG. You can download this information to share in your organization by clicking the **Download as PDF** link in the top right corner of the page.



The dashboard also includes an Opportunities chart, which allows you to easily drill down to see opportunities in efficiencies and cost savings at the overall and individual provider level.



NOTE: When you first open the dashboard, it will not display data. Click the funnel icon  in the upper left corner of the screen to configure the filter to display.

For more information, see "Using the Nursing Utilization dashboard" in online help.

Updated security role profiles

We disabled the Administrator check box for the existing role profiles and added a new role profile - DSS Analyst. This role is a subset of the DSS Admin role. The DSS Analyst role allows users to use Axiom Decision Support as a platform for analytics, ad hoc report writing, dashboard creation, report distribution, scheduling of reports, etc. The DSS Analyst role does not allow users to load and maintain the system from a data perspective.

Issues resolved in 2018.4

The following table lists the resolutions for issues addressed in 2018.4, released on December 17, 2018:

Issue Description	Resolution
IP Service Line Dashboard [TFS 30135]	<p>Symptom: The following issues were discovered in the Axiom Decision Support Service Line Dashboard:</p> <p>Summary tab</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ALOS values only correctly display as averages in the first and last columns. All others incorrectly SUM the totals. 2. Changing the Filter for “Current DSS Period Selection” to “Current Year” renders the second column of the grid (Prior Year) empty/zeroes. 3. The date portion of the header does not update correctly when switching Filter to Current Year, as described in problem 2. <p>Volume tab</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The date portion of the header does not match the column headers. <p>Resolution: Corrected by making the following changes:</p> <p>Summary tab</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repaired the formula logic. 2. Updated the column show/hide logic to properly display values. 3. Simplified all QTR/Yearly label logic to pull from GetDatas and the GetData Lookups which pull from the YRMO table. Repaired other columns as well. <p>Volume tab</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolved issues with label logic changes made in resolution #3 above.

Manual setup instructions

There is no manual setup or configuration instructions required for this release.

Known issues

The following table lists the known issues in this release:

Issue	Description
Patient Analysis Reports - Margin Analysis [TFS 25545]	<p>Symptom: While it may function properly under certain circumstance, the Quick Filter does not work under all conditions. This is due to a combination of report design and how the Quick Filter functions.</p> <p>Explanation: The report is not compatible with quick filtering. Quick Filter has been disabled for this report until a suitable resolution can be achieved.</p>

IMPORTANT: Refer to the **Axiom for Healthcare Suite 2018.4 Release Notes** for additional known issues that have a suite-wide impact.