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Summary

Kaufman Hall is pleased to announce the 2018.4 release of Axiom Contract Management. 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
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- Recorded webinars
- Virtual training courses

For a complete listing of our courses, please visit www.kaufmanhall.com.

Product upgrade notes

IMPORTANT: If you have any customizations that were made specific to your organization and did not take the 2018.2 update, you may not want to take this update. Please review the release notes for 2018.2, 2018.3, as well as the Axiom Contract Management2018.3 Administrator's Guide. If these item do not exist, submit a PFB. However, if you have made customization and want to use the standard product, please apply the update.

When upgrading to the 2018.4 version of Axiom Contract Management, keep in mind the following:

- This product upgrade contains updated templates, calculation methods, updated drivers, and remediated defects.
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- 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 was moved to a new location 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.
- Driver files will 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.

3M October 2018 Quarterly Update

Each quarter, 3M provides an update to the 3M GPS Grouper software integrated into Axiom Contract Management. This update includes grouping, pricing, and regulatory updates to the APC and State specific EAPG groupers.

Updates to the CMS DRG calculation

The 2018.4 release includes updates to the CMS DRG calculation. Users modeling contracts that include the CMS DRG calc basis can now include changes made to the Inpatient CMS DRG calculation that involve the following:

- Uncompensated Care Payment amount
- HAC (Hospital Acquired Condition) Adjustment
- Sole Community Add On Payment amount
- Outlier exclusions – Model high-dollar exclusions to the outlier determination in the current DRG CMS calc basis. This lets you exclude transplant and other high-dollar charges like Coagulation factors from the DRG CMS outlier determination.

Users with read access can view the adjustments made on these contracts and also see the results of these calculations in the voucher report or in total in most of the other reports.

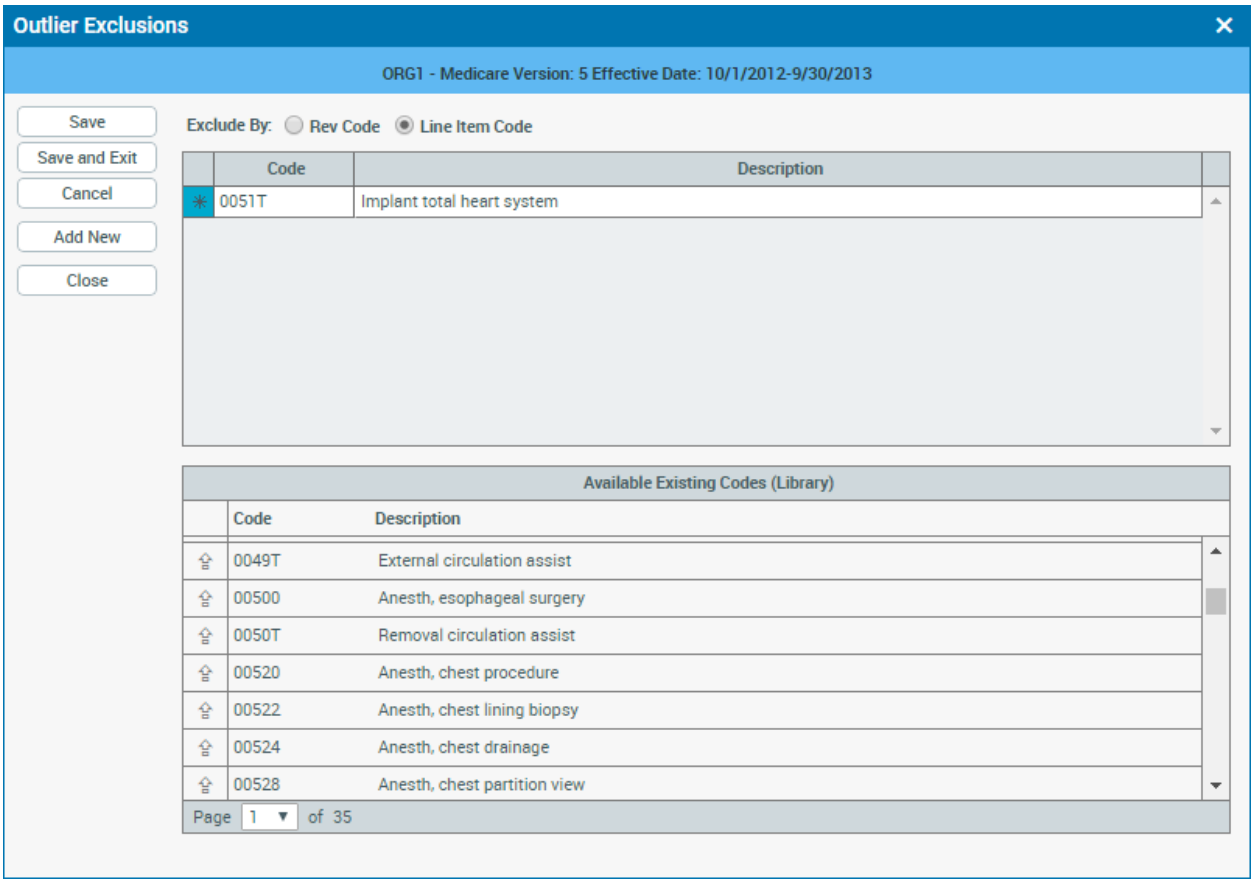
For more information, see the following in the online help:

- “About provision factors”
- “Enter provision factors for CMS calculations”
- “Select high-dollar outlier exclusions”

Model high-dollar outlier exclusions

Updates to the CMS DRG calculation include the ability to model high-dollar exclusions to the outlier calculation in the current CMS DRG calc basis for Medicare and Medicare-like contracts. When defining a provision, you can now select charge items to exclude either by Rev Code or by Line Item Code, and save your selections with the provision. The calculation engine uses this exclusion amount when processing

claims that hit on a provision that contains a clause with a DRG CMS calc basis. The total exclusion amount is calculated from the claim line detail and reflected in the calculation results.



For more information, see “Select high-dollar outlier exclusions” in the online help.

Expanded decimal capacity for RCC fields

You can now manually enter or attach DRG cost outlier rates with RCCs that have up to five decimals. This expanded decimal capacity allows you to save more precise cost factors for the DRG cost outlier calculation, ensuring that voucher and other report estimated payment fields are accurate to the penny.

OrgCode list filtering in Insurance Plan Codes

In the Available Insurance Plan Codes section of the Insurance Plan Code window, you can now filter the available plan codes by organization instead of scrolling through the entire list of codes, which may include multiple organizations. This feature is great for plans that include multiple provider organizations.

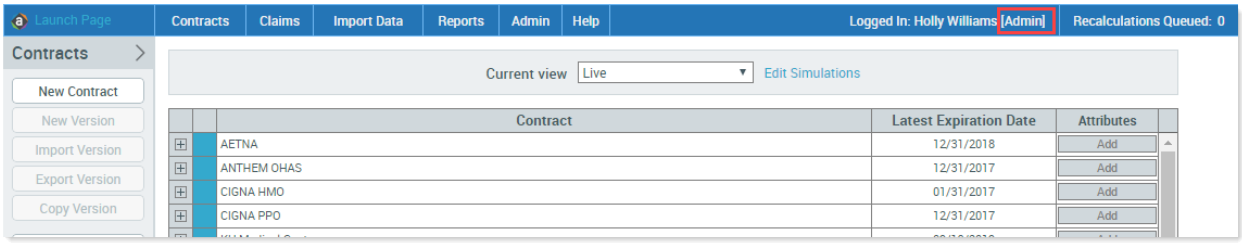
For more information, see “Add a version” in the online help.

Changes to Axiom Contract Management user role names

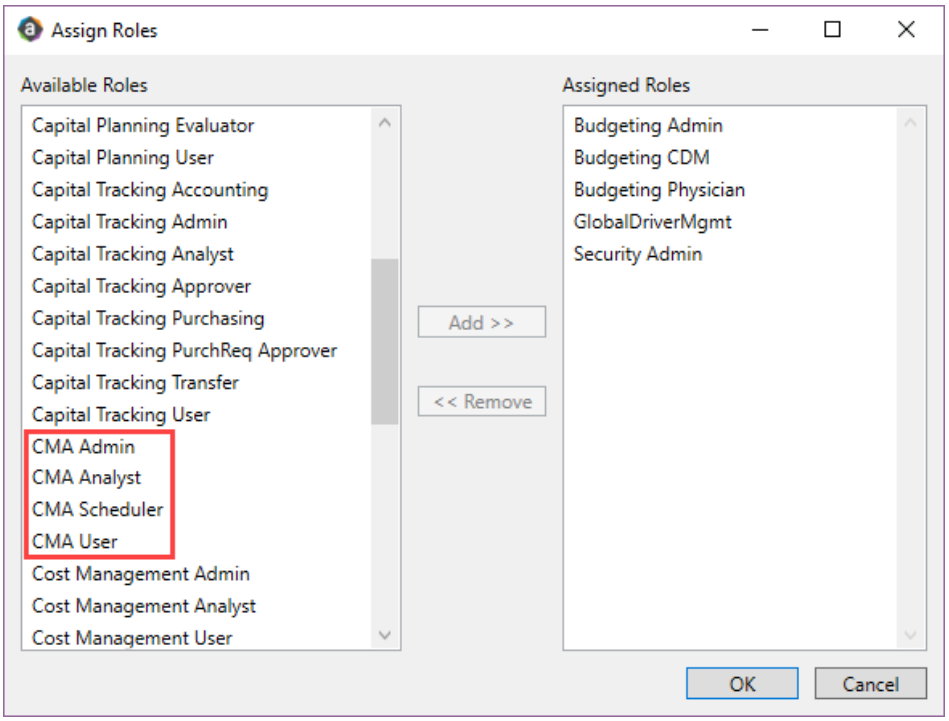
Two of the four Axiom Contract Management user roles have been renamed, as shown in the following table. The rename brings the Axiom Contract Management user roles into alignment with the user role names used in other Axiom Software products. The other CMA user role names, CMA Admin and CMA Scheduler, have not changed. At this time, there are no changes to user role permissions.

Old name	New name
CMA User	CMA Analyst
CMA Viewer	CMA User

When users are logged in to Axiom Contract Management, their user role name displays in brackets to the right of their user name:



Security administrators who assign roles to users can see the new names in the Assign Roles window of the Security Manager:



New Axiom DSS integration

Key Axiom Contract Management assets have been made available in the Axiom platform so Admins can pull and synchronize key contract, claim, and calculated claim level estimated payment details for use in the Desktop Client to take advantage of Axiom tools like the Axiom Scheduler Jobs Library and Axiom Reports.

During Contract Management installation, data is pulled from Contract Management and stored in the following Axiom tables in the Table Library:

- CM Claim level estimated payment
- CM Claim Numbers
- CM Contract Details
- CM Last Import

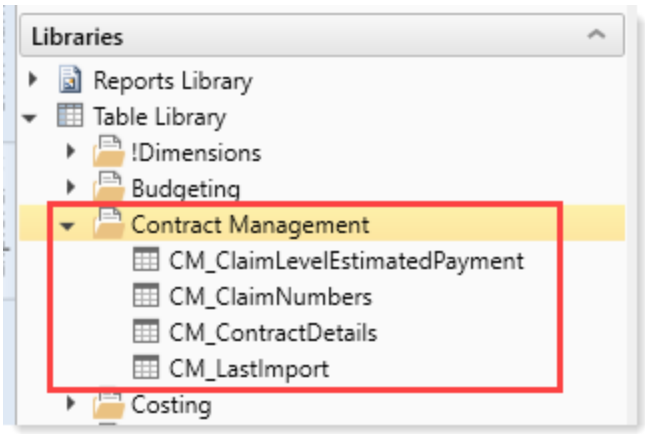

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Table Library
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Budgeting
Contract Management
CM_ClaimLevelEstimatedPayment
CM_ClaimNumbers
CM_ContractDetails
CM_LastImport
Costing

Issues resolved in 2018.4

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

Issue Description	Description
PFB-06777 - Report Contract List - start point in scroll list [TFS 27568]	**Summary:** On the Reports View/Edit tab, when selecting a contract from the Contract drop-down, the list started with the currently selected contract instead of the first contract name in the alphabetized list. **Resolution:** Corrected so that the Contract drop-down list always starts with the first contract in the alphabetized list.
PFB-06857 - Cannot delete rows from the exclusions list of Rev codes [TFS 28104]	**Summary:** Users cannot delete rows from the Exclusions window when adding new rev codes to a clause or term. Instead, users must delete the entire Exclusion and then add it back by entering the individual rev codes in the View/Edit Exclusions window. **Resolution:** Corrected with minor markup changes to match max/min page.
PFB-06891 - Page Number Display on Report Pages [TFS 29145]	**Summary:** The max page number in the Claim Tracking reports and flat PLM files is displaying as a decimal number, not an integer. **Resolution:** Corrected by changing the number formatting.
TFS 29461 - Limit DRG CMS rate re-processing during rate attach and factor update	**Summary:** When a user attaches a DRG CMS rate file or updates a DRG CMS factor, and then clicks save, they have to wait for every provision to be updated with pre-calculated totals for each DRG for each provision. If the user is attaching the same file to multiple provisions, clauses, or terms, or is saving a factor on a given provision, there is no need to reprocess other previsions. Only the current provision needs to be processed. **Resolution:** Corrected by cleaning out temp table when attaching or reattaching rates, and by not re-process all provisions during reattachment if the file has not changed.

Manual setup instructions

There are no manual setup or configuration steps required for this release.

Known issues

The following table lists the known issues for this release:

Issue Description	Description
PFB-06749 – Advanced filters not working within canned reports on a newly installed system. [TFS 27652]	**Symptom:** Users cannot apply advanced filters to reports within the interface for canned reports. This occurs on a new installation where there is only one level of report folders in the drill-down reporting interface and no subfolders with saved reports. **Explanation:** There is a defect in the advanced filter tree control when subfolders don't exist and there aren't any advanced filters to populate these subfolders. **Workaround:** New systems will be configured to include the required subfolders to ensure this situation does not occur.

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