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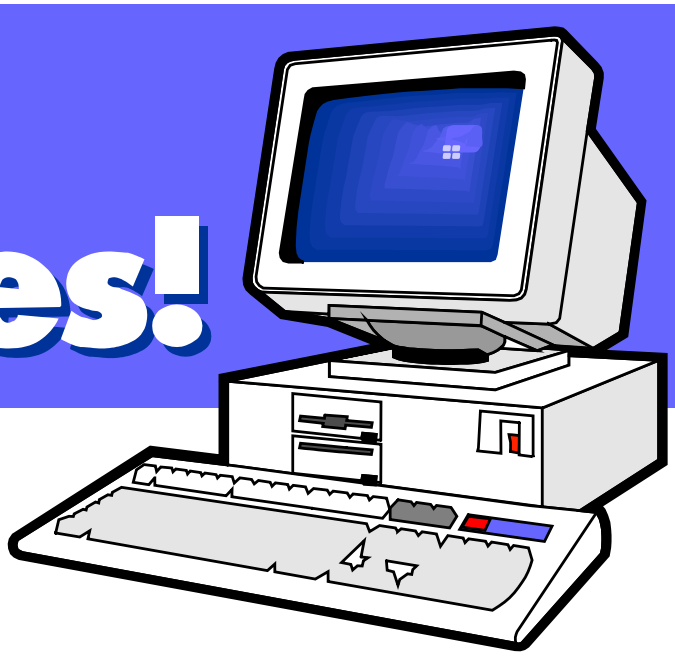

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The Medical Home Provider and Authorizations to Indian Health Clinics (IHC), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and Rural Health Clinics (RHC) - Revised

This bulletin supersedes This Computes #109 and #172.

I. Identification and Documentation of CCS Program Client's Medical Home

The CCS Program staff must ensure the CMS Net medical home registration field is updated with each client's medical home provider. CMS Net allows entry of the following medical home provider types: physician and nurse practitioner (NP). The medical home requirement is **not** met by entering the name of a building, hospital, or health care clinic. The identification and documentation of a client's medical home provider are separate from a decision to issue a Service Code Grouping (SCG) 01 SAR and/or a SCG 08 SAR.

The CCS Program's enrolled Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) infants also require identification of a medical home. The NICU medical director's name is entered into the CMS Net medical home registration field. No separate SCG 01 or 08 authorizations are issued to the NICU medical home provider.

The reasons for issuing SCG 01 and/or 08 authorizations to a medical home physician in an IHC, FQHC or RHC physician are covered in section II. See note at the bottom of section II regarding NPs.

For instructions on how to add a medical home to the addressee tab of CMS Net Registration, please see:

http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ccs/cmsnet/Documents/cmsnetwebsection44.pdf.

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II. Authorizations to Indian Health Clinics (IHC), Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), and Rural Health Clinics (RHC)

Service Code Grouping (SCG) 08 was established for use in issuing authorizations to IHCs, FQHCs and RHCs when the identified CCS-paneled physician at one of these clinics is serving as the client's medical home provider and is working in conjunction with a CCS authorized Special Care Center (SCC) or specialist/subspecialist. These clinics bill using unique procedure codes that provide cost based reimbursement. The IHC, FQHC, or RHC bills for the paneled medical home provider with the codes in SCG 08. Individual Current Procedural Terminology/Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (CPT)/ (HCPCS) codes cannot be added to the SCG 08 SAR. An SCG 08 SAR cannot be used for treatment provided outside the designated IHC, FQHC, or RHC.

SCG 08 cannot be issued to an individual physician's Medi-Cal provider number. It must be issued using the clinic's Medi-Cal provider number as the procedure codes in SCG 08 can only be billed by a clinic provider type. Because many physicians practicing in IHCs, FQHCs and RHCs are not enrolled as Medi-Cal providers, they are not included in to the CMS Net Provider Master File and cannot individually bill for their services. To confirm that a clinic physician, who is not included in the CMS Net Provider Master File, is CCS-paneled, refer to CMS Net SAR Web manual, Section 6, on how to research a provider in the Paneled Non-PMF.

A CCS-paneled medical home physician who is enrolled as a Medi-Cal provider may receive a SCG 01 issued to his or her own Medi-Cal provider number. Alternatively, the CCS-paneled medical home physician may bill using an SCG 02 SAR issued to a SCC or a SAR issued to another CCS-paneled provider when such use is otherwise appropriate. Pharmacies providing services outside of an IHC, FQHC, or RHC can bill using the SCG 08 SAR issued to the clinic, the SCG 01 SAR issued to the paneled physician, or the SCG 02 SAR issued to the SCC.

Refer to the CMS Net SAR Web manual for the special language required when issuing SCG 01 or 08 SARs to a primary care physician.

Note: The CCS Program acknowledges the participation of nurse practitioners (NP) in the provision of care to CCS Program clients and, as noted in this bulletin, a NP may be identified and documented as a CCS Program client's PCP/medical home provider. However, the CCS Program panels NPs only in the role of a nurse specialist in a CCS Program outpatient SCC setting. The CCS Program does not panel NPs as independent health care providers and does not issue SCG 01 or SCG 08 SARs to NPs.

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