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Chronic Dialysis Clinic Service Code Group (SCG) 09 Revised

SCG 09, Chronic Dialysis Clinic SCG, is a SCG that facilitates authorization of outpatient chronic dialysis facilities without having to separately list in a service authorization all the codes these facilities use. Many of these codes are not in any other SCG because the codes are unique to dialysis facilities.

Outpatient chronic dialysis clinics may be either free-standing and bill with their own provider number **OR** they may be part of a tertiary facility, billing with the tertiary hospital provider number and able to utilize the Renal Special Care Center (SCC) SAR.

- If the outpatient chronic dialysis clinic is free-standing and billing with their own provider number (most common scenario) then the authorization for the dialysis clinic is for SCG 09 and SCG 01. SCG 01 is needed to cover medications and other related services not included in SCG 09 (e.g., bone surveys, nerve conduction velocity, EKGs, and laboratory tests) that CCS clients will need.
- If the outpatient chronic dialysis clinic is part of a tertiary facility and is billing with the hospital provider number, then the Renal SCC should receive an authorization for both SCG 02 and SCG 09. The dialysis services will be billed using the Renal SCC SAR.

For a current listing of codes in SCG 09, please refer to the Medi-Cal website.

http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/masters-MTP/Part2/calchildser_m00i00o03o04o07o09o11a02a04a05a06a07a08p00v00.doc