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SAR Modification Number of Days Restriction

In order to avoid inconveniencing our providers, many counties have been issuing modifications to extend the dates on an existing SAR when renewing Eligibility Periods for a child. The CMS Net system allows this; however, there is an important restriction that must be observed in order for the SAR modification to be accepted by EDS. The number of days **CANNOT** exceed 999 days. The CMS Net system currently will allow a SAR to be modified beyond the 999 days but it will not be accepted at EDS and claims submitted using the extended dates on the SAR will be **DENIED**.

Once a SAR has reached the 999 day limit a **NEW SAR MUST** be issued. We will be changing the SAR system to prevent the modification of a SAR exceeding 999 days but until that occurs please do not modify the time period of the SAR beyond the 999 day limit.

We will be running a report to identify SARs that have already been issued exceeding 999 days and send them to the counties and Regional Offices so that new SARs can be issued.