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SAR Reminders and Helps

1. Whenever a Dialysis Center is authorized with SCG 09, the Dialysis Center **must** also be authorized with SCG 01. Please refer to "This Computes! #129". Claims for labs, xrays, and medications are denying because there is no SCG 01 authorized.
2. Hospitals are using the SAR for inpatient days to bill for physician services. With the January change cycle (see "This Computes! #200"), a new message is being displayed on SARs for inpatient days stating, "This authorization can ONLY be used to bill for hospital days. All physician services require a separate SAR." This message is to provide clarity for the hospitals.
3. When hospitals are using the SAR for inpatient days, in some cases there is no SAR for a physician. When authorizing inpatient days, please be certain that there is a SAR with SCG 01 for the physician who is providing the services.
4. Hospitals/surgeons need to bill additional codes from SCG 01 other than the surgery codes they request, e.g., anesthesia codes, room charges, labs. Whenever a surgeon is authorized with specific surgery codes, also give the surgeon SCG 01 to cover these other services. Please do this even if the surgeon has another SAR with SCG 01, because the hospital/surgeon will be billing off the "surgery SAR" for all services related to the surgery, and a claim can only contain one SAR number.