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Instructions for Issuing SARs to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)

A new medical Service Code Grouping (SCG 08) has been established for use in issuing SARs to FQHCs or RHCs when the provider at one of these clinics is serving in conjunction with a CCS authorized Special Care Center or authorized specialist/sub-specialist. This SCG contains the unique Medi-Cal codes that a FQHC or RHC uses to bill EDS for CCS services. These unique codes cannot be individually authorized.

The SAR for the FQHC or RHC with SCG 08 must be issued using the clinic's Medi-Cal provider number. A SAR with SCG 08 cannot be issued to an individual physician in the clinic; however, it is the CCS program's responsibility to ensure that the physician who will be providing the services is either paneled or eligible for paneling. The name of the physician authorized to provide the services must be entered in the Special Instructions box on the clinic's SAR.

Many physicians practicing in FQHCs or RHCs have not needed Medi-Cal numbers to bill for their services and therefore are not included on the current CCS paneled provider list. However, if the physician named in the Special Instructions on the SAR is CCS paneled, then you may issue this CCS paneled physician a SAR with medical SCG 01 in addition to the SAR with SCG 08 issued to the clinic. This will allow the physician to bill for inpatient hospital services as appropriate and will allow for appropriate coverage of laboratory and radiology services if these are provided outside the FQHC or RHC. Pharmacies providing services outside the FQHC or RHC can use the SAR number from the clinic SAR with SCG 08 or the SAR number from the physician SAR with SCG 01.