

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION METRICS FOR MEDICAL ITEMS AND SERVICES (EXCLUDING DRUGS)

To comply with the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule, MetroPlusHealth Plan is required to annually report aggregated prior authorization metrics on our website. Specifically, this includes a list of all medical items and services (excluding drugs) that require prior authorization, as well as data on prior authorization requests for those items and services (e.g., approvals, denials, etc.) over the previous calendar year. Publicly reporting these metrics promotes transparency and accountability, helps patients understand prior authorization processes, and enables providers to evaluate payer performance. In addition, metrics can be used to compare plans, programs, and payers. For questions on the data below, contact: 800.303.9626.

Reporting Period: 2025

The list of medical items and services for which we require prior authorization (excluding drugs) can be found [here](#).

Prior to January 1, 2026, impacted payers are required to send prior authorization decisions within the following timeframes:

- For MA plans and applicable integrated plans, 72 hours for expedited requests (urgent) and 14 calendar days for standard requests (non-urgent)
- For state CHIP FFS programs, 14 days for standard requests (non-urgent)
- For Medicaid managed care plans and CHIP managed care entities, 72 hours for expedited requests (urgent) and 14 calendar days for standard requests (non-urgent)
- For QHP issuers on the FFEs, 72 hours for expedited requests (urgent) and 15 days for standard requests (non-urgent)

There are no Medicaid FFS program required timeframes for either type of prior authorization request prior to January 1, 2026, and there are no CHIP FFS program required decision timeframes for expedited prior authorization requests prior to January 1, 2026.

Beginning January 1, 2026, the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule requires MetroPlusHealth Plan to send prior authorization decisions within:

- 72 hours for expedited requests (urgent)
- 7 calendar days for standard requests (non-urgent)

Standard (non-urgent) Prior Authorization Requests			
	How many times this happened	Out of Total Requests	Percentage
Request Approved	5227	6421	81.40%
Request Denied	1194	6421	18.60%

	How many times this happened	Out of Total Requests	Percentage
Request approved only after time for review was extended*	0	6421	0.00%

	How many times this happened	Out of total appeals	Percentage
Request approved only after appeal	205	571	35.90%

Expedited (Urgent) Prior Authorization Requests (Responses Due to Provider Within 72 Hours)			
	How many times this happened	Out of Total Requests	Percentage
Request Approved	28	36	77.78%
Request Denied	8	36	22.22%

	How many times this happened	Out of Total Requests	Percentage
Request approved only after time for review was extended*	0	36	0.00%

	How many times this happened	Out of total appeals	Percentage
Request approved only after appeal	0	1	0.00%
Request denied after appeal	1	1	100.00%

Time Between Receiving a Prior Authorization Request and Sending a Decision		
	Mean (Average) Time	Median (Middle) Time
Standard (non-urgent) Prior Authorization Requests (response due to provider within 14 calendar days)	2.990	1.94
Expedited (urgent) Prior Authorization Requests (response due to provider within 72 hours)	1.480	0.33

In 2025, we received a total of 6421 standard (non-urgent) prior authorization for our covered patients. 81.4% of those requests were approved:

