

D.C. Prior Authorization Reform Amendment Act Information

Reporting Period: 2024

Requirement(s)	Information
(1) Specialties of physicians reviewing prior authorization requests or appeals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardiology • Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics • Emergency Medicine • Family Medicine • General Surgery • Hospice and Palliative Medicine • Hospital Medicine- Internal Medicine • Infectious Disease • Internal Medicine • Interventional Cardiology • Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine • Neurology • Obstetrics and Gynecology • Ophthalmology • Orthopedic Surgery • Pediatric Gastroenterology • Pediatrics • Psychiatry • Radiation Oncology • Radiology
(2) Types of medication, tests, procedures, or treatment in which approval was being sought	Please refer to file called " <i>Types of medication, tests, procedures or treatment in which approval was being sought</i> "
(3) Medical indication offered in each request	Please refer to file called " <i>Medical Indication offered in each request</i> "
(4) Reasons for an adverse determination;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Covered Service • Not eligible for External Services • Not Medically Necessary per Physician Review • Pharmacy Not Medically Necessary per Physician Review • Service Availability Internally and/or In Network
(5) Number of appeals taken	45
(6) Number of appeals approved or denied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved: 18 • Denied: 27
(7) Time between submission of a request and the utilization review entity's determination	Average Decision Turnaround Time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine: 30.8 hours • Urgent: 24.4 hours
(8) Time between submission of an appeal and the utilization review entity's determination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution Time for Non-Emergency Cases: 37 calendar days • Resolution Time for Emergency Cases: 97.5 hours