

Medicaid, MMP and CHIP Turn Around Times for Service Determinations							
Line of Business	Non-Urgent Outpatient & Elective Inpatient	Urgent Pre-Service	Extensions/Incomplete Prior Authorization Process	Urgent Concurrent Review	Concurrent Inpatient	Post Stabilization and Life Threatening	Post-Service Decisions
Medicaid (CHIP RSA, Star and Star-Plus)	3 business days (this equates to weekdays and excludes weekends and Texas State Holidays)	Not to exceed 72 hours	A member or provider may request an extension of up to 14 additional calendar days beyond the standard or expedited authorization deadline. Molina may also extend when in the member's best interest  Incomplete prior authorization process will be initiated within 3 business days of the PA Receive Date. If no additional information is received by the 3rd business day from the letter date, Molina will refer to the Medical Director for determination by the 7th business day and determination must be made no later than the 10th business day from the PA receive date.  Molina must make a determination for the incomplete authorization process no later than the 3rd business day after the missing information is received.	Not to exceed 72 hours	1 business day not to exceed 72 hours	1-hr for life-threatening/post-stabilization verbal notification	30 calendar days for par providers notification timelines should be reviewed prior to processing post service decisions unless EMTALA applies



Dual Options Medicare/ Medicaid Plan (MMP)	3 business days	1 business day not to exceed 72 clock hours.	A member or provider may request an extension of up to 14 additional calendar days after deadline of standard or expedited authorization when in member's best interest	72 Clock Hours	1 business day not to exceed 72 clock hours MMP Behavioral Health requests: Inpatient Admissions – MHT and NAL staff available for prior authorization twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week Other requests – Access to a reviewer and response to a request for authorization within established timeliness standards aligned with the level of urgency of the request, ensuring the safety of the e at all times	1-hr for life- threatening/ post-stabilization verbal notification	30 calendar days for par providers notification timelines should be reviewed prior to processing post service decisions unless EMTALA applies
CHIP	Within 3 working days written notice from date and time of receipt (should meet the immediacy of the need, not to exceed three)	3 working days not to exceed 72 hours written notice from date and time of receipt (should meet the immediacy of the need, not to exceed three)	No Extension Allowed	24 Clock Hours - verbal notification (followed by written within 3 working days)	24 clock hours – verbal (electronic/telephonic) notification (followed by written within 3 working days)	1-hr for life- threatening/post- stabilization – verbal notification (followed by written within 3 working)	30 calendar days for par providers notification timelines should be reviewed prior to processing post service decisions unless EMTALA applies

Medicaid and CHIP Turn Around Times for Pharmacy Service Determinations						
Line of Business Telephone Prior Authorization		Standard Prior	Urgent Prior	Emergency		
	Request	Authorization Request	Authorization Request	Prescription Supply		
		Submitted by Fax or Web	Submitted by Fax or Web			
Medicaid (STAR and STAR-PLUS)	Pharmacy prior authorization approval or denial (pending medical director decision) is provided immediately for telephone request.	The approval or denial for a standard pharmacy prior authorization request is made no later than 24 hours after receipt.	The approval or denial for an urgent pharmacy prior authorization request is made no later than 24 hours after receipt.	The 72-hour emergency supply can be dispensed by a pharmacy if Molina cannot provide a response to the prior authorization request within 24 hours after receipt or the prescriber is not available to make a PA request because it is after the prescriber's office hours and the dispensing pharmacist determines it is an emergency situation.		



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