

#### Prior Authorization Automation Medicaid Advisory Committee Briefing

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## Agenda

- Automated and Real-Time Review
- Benefits of Prior Authorization Automation and Real-Time Review
- Current Policies
- Future Work

## Automated and Real-Time Review

In real-time, the system will:

- Review responses to guideline questions.
- Approve a prior authorization (PA) submission or send to manual review.



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# Benefits of PA Automation and Real-Time Review

- Reduce review times for clerical intake which will improve and reduce time for clinical review.
- Reduce provider administrative burden.
- Reduce reviewer time to access specific criteria required for submission.
- Reduce time to claim submission for requests with PA required.

## **Current Policies**

- Enteral Nutrition
- Pharmacy-Synagis
- ForwardHealth Update 2022-08
  - Physical and Occupational Therapy (under age six)
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Speech and Language Pathology (under age six)
  - Personal Care Clerical Intake Process
- <u>Therapies Training</u>
- Personal Care Training

### Future Work

Develop and optimize operational processes that support real-time review.

- Reduce clerical errors and administrative burden for providers.
- Provide member centric communications about the decision process.
- $_{\odot}$  Expand the new capabilities to additional policies that require PA.

### Questions?



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