



South Carolina Prior Authorization Metrics for medical items and services (excluding drugs)

To comply with the CMS Interoperability and Prior Authorization final rule, Humana 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. For questions on the data below, members can contact the customer service number on the back of the member's ID card. Provider customer service can be contacted at 866-432-0001.

Reporting Period: 2025

State: South Carolina

These are the medical items and services for which we require prior authorization (excluding drugs)

<https://provider.humana.com/MedicaidPAL>

Prior to January 1, 2026, Medicaid Managed Care Organization (MCO) plans are required to send prior authorization decisions within the following timeframes:

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

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

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

An overturn on appeal does not necessarily indicate an inappropriate initial prior authorization decision because the overturn may be the result of additional information received or changes in the member's clinical presentation.



South Carolina Standard (Non-Urgent) Prior Authorization Requests

Type of decision	Number of times this happened	Out of total requests	Percentage
Request approved	13,074	14,667	89.14%
Request denied	1,593	14,667	10.86%

Type of decision	Number of times this happened	Out of total requests	Percentage
Request approved only after time for review was extended	0	0	0.00%
Request denied after time for review was extended	0	0	0.00%

Type of decision	Number of times this happened	Out of total appeals	Percentage
Request approved only after appeal	21	48	43.75%
Request denied after appeal	27	48	56.25%

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**South Carolina Expedited (Urgent) Prior Authorization Requests
(response due to provider within 72 hours)**

Type of decision	Number of times this happened	Out of total requests	Percentage
Request approved	1,541	3,799	40.56%
Request denied	2,258	3,799	59.44%

Type of decision	Number of times this happened	Out of total requests	Percentage
Request approved only after time for review was extended	0	0	0.00%
Request denied after time for review was extended	0	0	0.00%

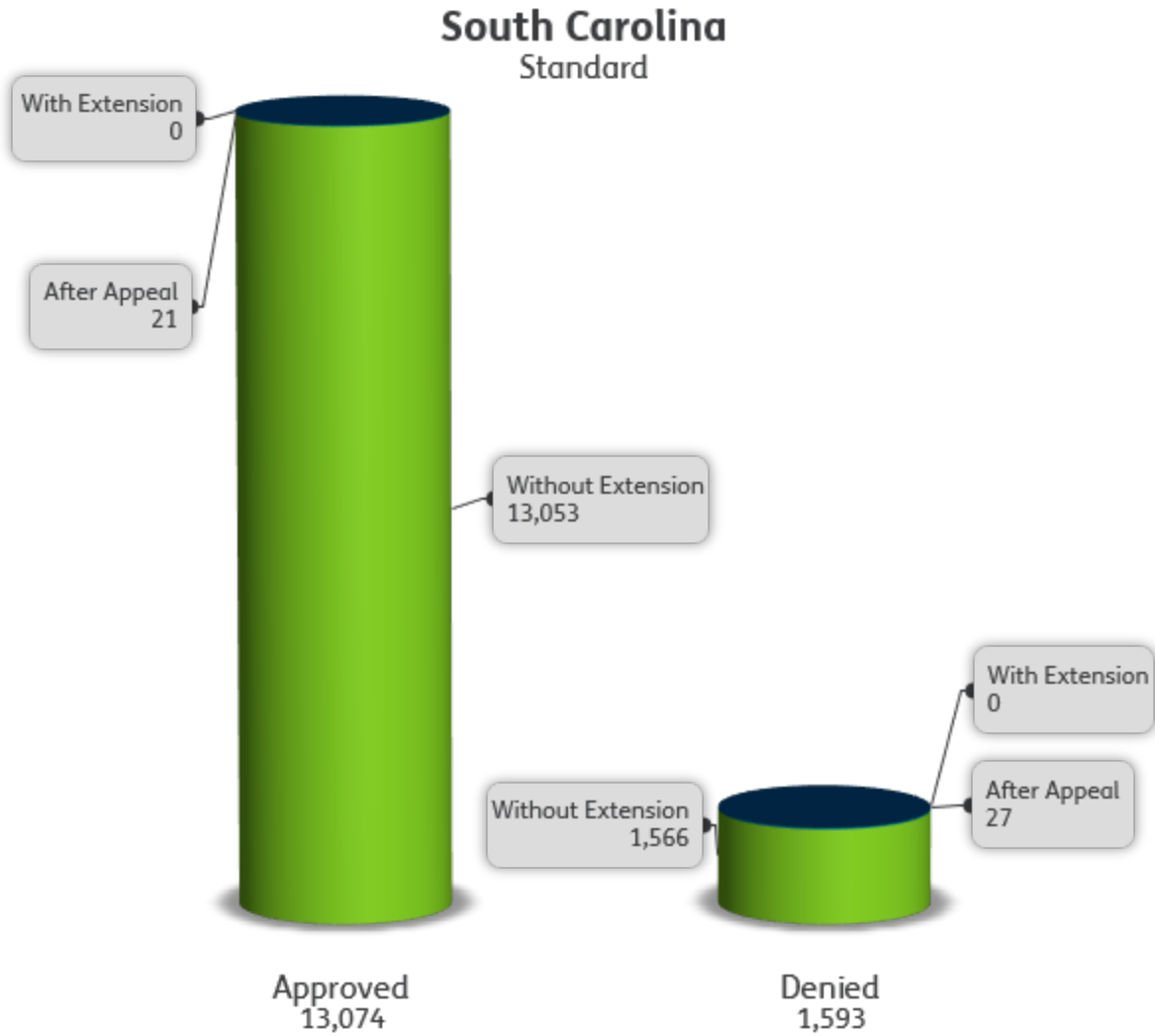
Time Between Submission of a Prior Authorization Request and Decision

	Mean (average) time	Median (middle) time
Standard (non-urgent) prior authorization requests	3 day(s)	2 day(s)
Expedited (urgent) prior authorization requests	10 hour(s)	8 hour(s)

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In 2025, we received a total of 14,667 standard (non-urgent) prior authorization requests for our covered patients. 89.14% of those requests were approved:



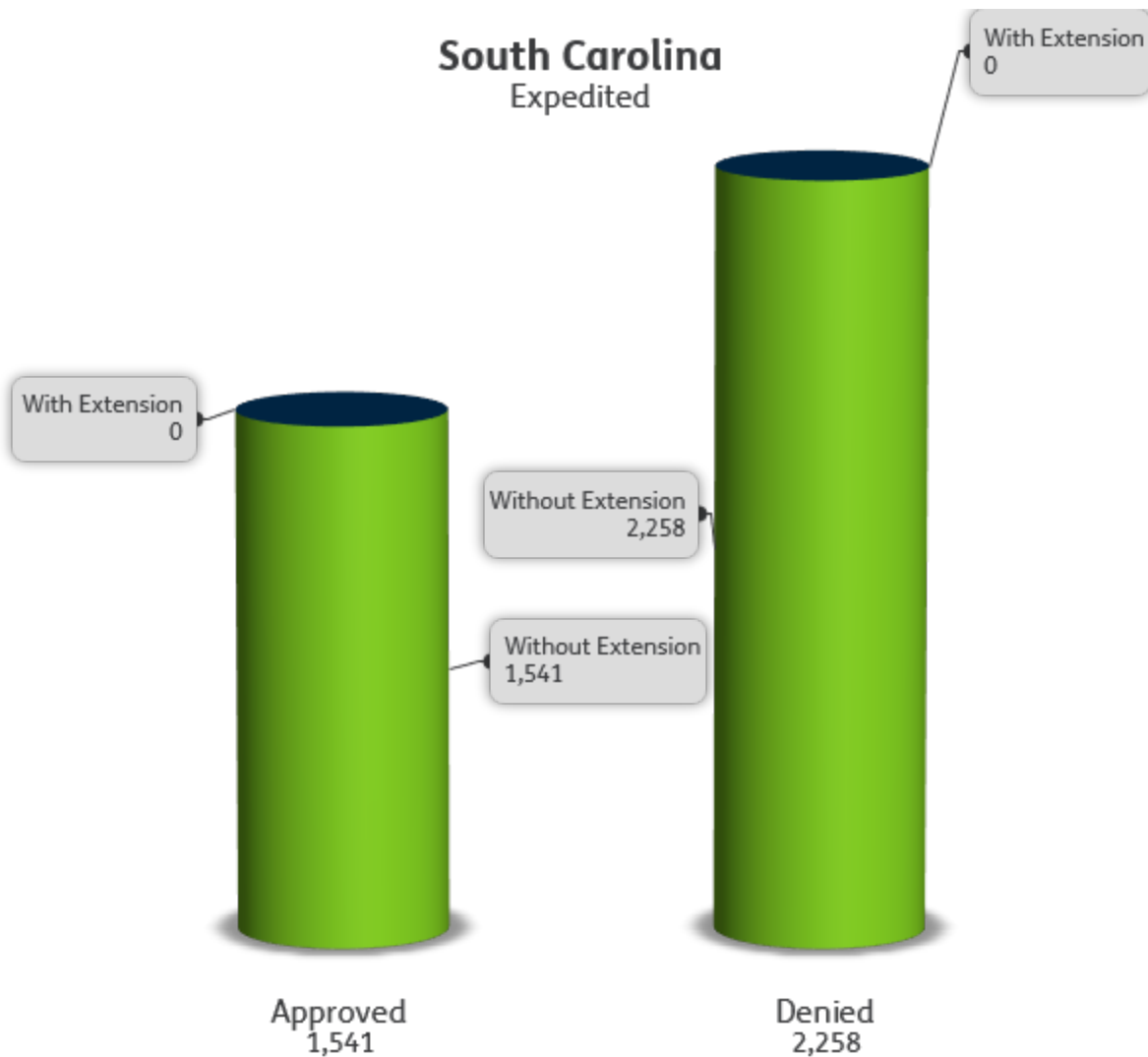
The mean (average) time that it took to make standard prior authorization decisions was 3 day(s)

The median (middle) time that it took to make standard prior authorization decisions was 2 day(s)

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In 2025, we received a total of 3,799 expedited (urgent) prior authorization requests for our covered patients. 40.56% of those requests were approved:



The mean (average) time that it took to make expedited prior authorization decisions was 10 hour(s)

The median (middle) time that it took to make expedited prior authorization decisions was 8 hour(s)

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