



Please Meet the Necessary Criteria When Requesting An Expedited Appeal for Priority Partners

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Health Plans Affected: Priority Partners

Type of Change: Expedited Appeals Process

Explanation of Change:

Recently, Johns Hopkins Health Plans has noticed a significant increase in expedited appeals for Priority Partners preservice and pharmacy appeals requests.

Most of the expedited preservice and pharmacy appeals requests we receive for Priority Partners do not meet the necessary criteria for expedited review.

Expedited appeals should only be submitted when they meet the criteria outlined in COMAR regulation [COMAR 10.67.09.05](#), which states that **an expedited appeal should be used only when a delay in the standard appeals process could seriously jeopardize the health of the member**. This regulation emphasizes the urgency of the situation and limits the use of expedited appeals to cases that truly warrant immediate action.

Proper use of the expedited appeals process leads to a more efficient and timely appeals process overall.

We thank our Priority Partners providers for their support in providing exceptional care to our members.