

LunaFit Brazil Authorization Crisis

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BRAZIL AUTH RATE DROP

-19.8pp

81.2% → 61.4% (Mar 15–21)

MONTHLY REVENUE AT RISK

\$32,650

2,178 lost approvals × \$14.99

ROOT CAUSE

Config Error

MCC + 3DS2 v2.2.0 not declared

FULL RECOVERY POTENTIAL

+\$40,594

All 3 fixes combined /month

SECTION 1 OF 4 — ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

The Brazil Authorization Collapse: A Configuration Failure, Not a Code Failure

Executive Finding: LunaFit Brazil's authorization rate collapsed **-19.8 percentage points** in the week of March 15–21, falling from 81.2% to 61.4%. The root cause is a **configuration error** — not a fraud spike, not a liquidity crunch, and not the February 28 platform deploy. Decline code 57 ("transaction not permitted") surged from a 4.2% baseline to **48.3% of all declines** on AcquirerBR-A — the unmistakable signature of a misconfigured merchant profile colliding with AcquirerBR-A's March 15 3DS infrastructure upgrade.

1.1 — Layer 1: Country Isolation — Brazil Is the Only Market Affected

The collapse is entirely confined to Brazil. Every other market held steady within normal variance:

TABLE 1: AUTHORIZATION RATES BY COUNTRY

Country	Feb 15–28	Mar 1–14	Mar 15–21	Change
Brazil	81.2%	80.8%	61.4%	-19.8pp
Mexico	78.5%	79.1%	78.9%	+0.4pp
Colombia	76.8%	77.2%	76.5%	-0.3pp
Argentina	74.1%	73.8%	74.0%	-0.1pp
Chile	77.3%	77.5%	77.8%	+0.5pp
Total	79.1%	78.9%	70.2%	-8.9pp

Key finding: Mexico (+0.4pp), Colombia (-0.3pp), Argentina (-0.1pp), and Chile (+0.5pp) are all within noise-level fluctuation. The total portfolio decline of -8.9pp is driven **entirely** by Brazil's weight in LunaFit's transaction mix. This immediately rules out any platform-wide or global cause.

1.2 — Layer 2: Payment Method Isolation — Credit Cards Collapsed, PIX Is Healthy

Within Brazil, the damage is concentrated exclusively in credit card transactions:

TABLE 2: BRAZIL AUTHORIZATION BY PAYMENT METHOD (MAR 15–21)

Method	Approval Rate	Txn Count	Change vs Feb
Credit Card (all)	59.8%	10,180	-21.5pp
Debit Card	72.4%	868	-3.1pp
PIX (new signups)	94.1%	1,352	+0.3pp
Total Brazil	12,400		

Key finding: Credit cards account for 82.1% of Brazil's transaction volume (10,180 of 12,400) and suffered a **-21.5pp** collapse. PIX remains completely unaffected at 94.1% (+0.3pp). Debit cards show only a minor -3.1pp dip, consistent with secondary effects rather than a shared root cause. The problem is specific to credit card authentication and authorization flows.

1.3 — Layer 3: Acquirer Isolation — AcquirerBR-A Is the Single Point of Failure

Splitting credit card transactions by acquirer reveals the damage is isolated to one routing path:

TABLE 3: BRAZIL CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION BY ACQUIRER (MAR 15–21)

Acquirer	Approval Rate	Txn Count	Routing %	Change
AcquirerBR-A	54.2%	7,126	70%	-24.8pp
AcquirerBR-B	74.1%	3,054	30%	-2.3pp

Key finding: AcquirerBR-A collapsed by **-24.8pp** to just 54.2% approval — nearly half of all credit card transactions through this acquirer are being declined. AcquirerBR-B held essentially stable at 74.1% (-2.3pp, within normal range). Because AcquirerBR-A carries **70% of credit card routing**, its failure dominates the entire Brazil portfolio.

1.4 — Layer 4: Root Cause — Issuer Patterns, Error Codes, and 3DS Flow Breakdown

Three data dimensions converge to pinpoint the exact root cause.

1.4.1 — Issuer Analysis: Santander and Inter Are the Exception That Proves the Rule

TABLE 4: BRAZIL CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION BY ISSUER BIN (MAR 15–21)

Issuer	Feb Approval	Mar Approval	Txn Count	Change
Itaú (401178-xxx)	83.4%	52.1%	1,840	-31.3pp
Nubank (528007-xxx)	84.1%	48.9%	2,215	-35.2pp
Bradesco (422137-xxx)	82.7%	56.3%	1,590	-26.4pp
Banco do Brasil (400861-xxx)	81.8%	55.8%	1,120	-26.0pp
Santander (483726-xxx)	79.2%	73.6%	685	-5.6pp
Inter (416772-xxx)	80.5%	76.9%	730	-3.6pp

Critical nuance — why Santander and Inter survived: Itaú, Nubank, Bradesco, and Banco do Brasil experienced catastrophic declines ranging from -26.0pp to -35.2pp. Yet Santander (-5.6pp) and Inter (-3.6pp) were barely impacted. This is not random. **Santander and Inter had already adopted 3DS2 natively before March 15.** Their transactions defaulted to proper 3DS2 authentication flows even when LunaFit's merchant profile lacked explicit 3DS2 v2.2.0 declarations. The four severely affected issuers require the merchant to **explicitly declare 3DS2 v2.2.0 support** for frictionless authentication — without that declaration, their transactions fell back to legacy 3DS1 flows and were declined.

1.4.2 — Decline Code Analysis: Code 57 Is the Smoking Gun

TABLE 5: DECLINE CODES — ACQUIRERBR-A (MAR 15–21)

Code	Description	Count	% of Declines	Type	Feb Baseline
57	Transaction not permitted	1,580	48.3%	Config	4.2%
51	Insufficient funds	620	18.9%	Soft	—
05	Do not honor	445	13.6%	Hard	—
91	Issuer timeout	287	8.8%	Soft	—
54	Expired card	168	5.1%	Hard	—
82	Invalid CVV	112	3.4%	Hard	—
59	Suspected fraud	58	1.8%	Soft	—
Total declines		3,270			

Code 57 (“transaction not permitted”) jumped from a 4.2% baseline to 48.3% of all AcquirerBR-A declines — a greater than 11x increase. This code is unambiguously a configuration-class error. It signals that the acquirer's system rejected the transaction based on merchant setup parameters, not cardholder behavior. Code 57 is not associated with fraud (code 59 is a negligible 1.8%), nor with issuer liquidity (code 51 at 18.9% is within expected norms), nor with system instability (code 91 at 8.8% is unremarkable).

1.4.3 — 3DS Flow Breakdown: 3DS1 Fallback Is Killing Approval Rates

TABLE 6: 3DS AUTHENTICATION FLOWS — ACQUIRERBR-A (MAR 15–21)

Flow	Txn Count	Approval Rate	Version
3DS2 Frictionless	2,840	71.2%	3DS2
3DS2 Challenge	3,105	43.1%	3DS2
3DS1 Fallback	1,181	38.7%	3DS1
Total	7,126		

1,181 transactions (16.6% of AcquirerBR-A volume) are falling back to 3DS1 with a dismal 38.7% approval rate. These are precisely the transactions from issuers that require explicit 3DS2 v2.2.0 declarations. Without correct merchant configuration, AcquirerBR-A's new 3DS enforcement rules cannot route these transactions through 3DS2 frictionless authentication, forcing them into legacy 3DS1 where decline rates are punishingly high.

1.5 — Debunking the February 28 Deploy Theory

The hypothesis that the February 28 platform deploy caused this authorization collapse does not survive scrutiny. Three independent data points refute it:

▣▣ Proof 1: Timing — 15-Day Gap Eliminates the Deploy Theory

Brazil's authorization rate was **80.8% from March 1 through March 14** — fully 15 days after the February 28 deploy, essentially unchanged from 81.2% in February (Table 1). If the deploy had introduced a breaking change, the impact would have been immediate, not delayed by exactly 15 days. The collapse aligns precisely with **March 15 — the date of AcquirerBR-A's 3DS infrastructure go-live**.

▣▣ Proof 2: Geography & Scope — A Deploy Doesn't Produce Surgical, Acquirer-Specific Failures

The February 28 deploy touched all countries equally. If it introduced a regression, we would expect degradation across the portfolio. Instead, Mexico moved +0.4pp, Colombia -0.3pp, Argentina -0.1pp, Chile +0.5pp — all noise-level fluctuations (Table 1). Furthermore, within Brazil, PIX approval was +0.3pp and debit was only -3.1pp (Table 2). The damage is isolated to credit cards on **a single acquirer**. A platform deploy does not produce this kind of surgical, acquirer-specific failure pattern.

▣▣ Proof 3: Error Signature — Code 57 Is a Configuration Error, Not a Software Bug

A deploy-induced regression (such as a race condition or API contract mismatch) would manifest as **code 91 (issuer timeout)** or **code 05 (generic do not honor)**. Instead, the dominant decline is **code 57 (“transaction not permitted”)**, which is a configuration-class rejection (Table 5). Code 91 is at just 8.8% of declines, and cross-country code 91 incidence increased by only +0.8pp — well within noise. Code 57's explosion from 4.2% to 48.3% is the fingerprint of a **merchant configuration gap meeting a new acquirer enforcement rule**, not a software bug.

1.6 — Root Cause Statement

LunaFit failed to complete two critical configuration steps before AcquirerBR-A's March 15 3DS infrastructure upgrade:

1. **MCC (Merchant Category Code) was not configured** in the Yuno dashboard for the AcquirerBR-A connection.
2. **3DS2 v2.2.0 support was not explicitly declared** in the merchant profile.

When AcquirerBR-A activated its new 3DS enforcement rules on March 15, transactions from issuers requiring explicit 3DS2 v2.2.0 authentication (Itaú, Nubank, Bradesco, Banco do Brasil) could not be properly authenticated. These transactions either fell back to 3DS1 — where approval rates are a dismal 38.7% — or were rejected outright with code 57. Issuers with native 3DS2 adoption (Santander, Inter) were largely unaffected because their authentication succeeded regardless of the merchant's incomplete configuration.

1.7 — Revenue Impact

- **Expected monthly CC approvals at Feb baseline:** $10,180 \times 81.2\%$ (Brazil Feb 15–28 rate, Table 1) = **8,266 transactions**
- **Actual monthly CC approvals at crisis rate:** $10,180 \times 59.8\% = 6,088 \text{ transactions}$
- **Lost credit card approvals per month:** $8,266 - 6,088 = 2,178 \text{ transactions}$
- **Average transaction value:** \$14.99
- **Estimated lost revenue:** $2,178 \times \$14.99 = \sim\$32,650/\text{month}$

This loss is entirely recoverable. Every day the configuration remains uncorrected, LunaFit loses approximately **\$1,088 in revenue**.

SECTION 2 OF 4 — TECHNICAL ACTION PLAN

Prioritized Fixes: From Emergency Configuration to Long-Term Resilience

Technical Context: Why LunaFit's Authorization Rate Collapsed

MCC (Merchant Category Code) and Central Bank of Brazil Compliance

Every card-present or card-not-present transaction processed in Brazil must carry a valid MCC under the Central Bank of Brazil's (BCB) regulatory framework. The MCC serves dual purposes: it informs the issuer's risk engine about the merchant's business category, and it is a mandatory field in 3DS2 authentication requests (the `merchantCategoryCode` parameter in the `threeDSRequestorAuthenticationInfo` object). LunaFit, a subscription fitness platform, should be classified under **MCC 7997** (Health Clubs, Physical Fitness Centers) or alternatively MCC 5941 (Sporting Goods Stores). With a blank or missing MCC, AcquirerBR-A's updated enforcement logic cannot populate the 3DS2 authentication request — the gateway interprets this as an ineligible transaction and returns **response code 57** ("Transaction Not Permitted to Cardholder"). This single misconfiguration accounts for **1,580 declined transactions per month**.

3DS2 v2.2.0 and the March 15 Infrastructure Upgrade

AcquirerBR-A upgraded its 3DS infrastructure on March 15 to enforce EMVCo 3DS2 v2.2.0 for all eligible transactions. Version 2.2.0 introduces critical capabilities: (a) **frictionless authentication** for low-risk recurring transactions — the issuer approves without a cardholder challenge; (b) **richer data exchange** including device fingerprinting, transaction history, and behavioral biometrics; (c) **liability shift** to the issuer on frictionless-approved transactions; and (d) **decoupled authentication and exemption handling** that allow acquirers to request SCA exemptions for recurring billing. Without an explicit declaration that LunaFit supports 3DS2 v2.2.0, AcquirerBR-A cannot route transactions through the frictionless flow — falling back to 3DS1 where approval rates crater to 38.7% compared to 71.2% on 3DS2 frictionless (a 32.5pp gap affecting 1,181 transactions monthly).

Why AcquirerBR-B Was Less Affected

AcquirerBR-B experienced only a -2.3pp decline because its issuer mix skews toward Santander and Inter, which had already adopted 3DS2 natively. These issuers default to proper 3DS2 flows regardless of merchant-side configuration. The heavily impacted issuers on AcquirerBR-A — Itaú, Nubank, Bradesco, and Banco do Brasil — require the merchant to explicitly declare v2.2.0 support before granting frictionless authentication.

Prioritized Action Plan

IMMEDIATE — TODAY (EST. 2–4 HOURS)

TOTAL

1

Configure MCC in Yuno Dashboard

LunaFit — ~30 min

- Navigate to Yuno Dashboard > Merchant Settings > Business Configuration
- Set MCC to **7997** (Health Clubs / Physical Fitness Centers)
- Verify the subscription billing descriptor aligns with the MCC category (e.g., `LUNAFIT*SUBSCRIPTION`)

Expected impact: Eliminates all code 57 hard declines — +1,580 approved transactions/month

2

Explicitly Enable 3DS2 v2.2.0

LunaFit — ~30 min

- Navigate to Yuno Dashboard > Payment Settings > Authentication
- Select protocol version **2.2.0** explicitly (not “auto-detect” or “2.1.0”)
- Enable frictionless flow preference for recurring subscription transactions
- Configure `challengeIndicator` to `01` (No preference) for initial enrollments and `06` (No challenge requested, TRA performed) for renewals

1,181 transactions falling back to 3DS1 (38.7%) upgrade to 3DS2 frictionless (~71.2%) — +384 approvals/month

Combined with Action 1: +1,964 transactions = +\$29,440/month recovered. This recovers 89.8% of the estimated \$32,800/month total loss; the remaining ~\$3,360/month is attributable to soft declines addressed by Action 5.

3

Validate Configuration & Run Test Transactions

Yuno — ~1 hr

- Confirm MCC 7997 and 3DS2 v2.2.0 settings have propagated to AcquirerBR-A's processing endpoint
- Execute test transactions across BIN ranges for Itaú, Nubank, Bradesco, and Banco do Brasil
- Verify: (a) code 57 no longer appears, (b) 3DS2 v2.2.0 protocol is negotiated (check `acsTransID` and `dsTransID`), (c) frictionless flow triggers for low-risk recurring charges
- **Green-light production deployment** only after all four issuer BINs confirm successful frictionless authentication

A

Confirm Config Propagation & Provide Test BINs

AcquirerBR-A

- Confirm receipt and propagation of LunaFit's updated MCC 7997 and 3DS2 v2.2.0 declarations to their processing endpoint
- Provide dedicated test BIN ranges for Itaú, Nubank, Bradesco, and Banco do Brasil to validate frictionless authentication before production go-live
- Confirm code 57 suppression in test environment and share transaction log confirmation with Yuno TAM
- Assign a technical contact for real-time escalation during the validation window

4

Interim Routing Rebalance: 70/30 → 50/50

Yuno — ~30 min

- Shift traffic from 70% AcquirerBR-A / 30% AcquirerBR-B to a **50/50 distribution** immediately while Actions 1–3 validate in production

- Current blended approval: $7,126 \times 54.2\% + 3,054 \times 74.1\% = \textbf{6,125 approvals}$
- Rebalanced approval: $5,090 \times 54.2\% + 5,090 \times 74.1\% = \textbf{6,531 approvals}$
- Revert to performance-based dynamic routing once AcquirerBR-A authorization rate recovers above 78%

+406 transactions = +\$6,086/month recovered immediately

▣▣ THIS WEEK (DAYS 2–5)

5

Smart Retry and Dunning Logic for Soft Declines

LunaFit + Yuno

- **Code 51** (Insufficient Funds, 620/month): Retry after 24 hours with exponential backoff. Target payday windows (5th, 15th, 25th of month for Brazil)
- **Code 91** (Issuer Timeout, 287/month): Immediate retry within 60 seconds, then 4-hour retry intervals up to 3 attempts. Route retry to AcquirerBR-B if first retry on AcquirerBR-A fails
- **Code 59** (Suspected Fraud, 58/month): Hold 72 hours, re-run fraud scoring, retry with enhanced 3DS2 data fields populated

35% recovery rate across 965 soft declines — +338 approvals = +\$5,068/month

2–4 WEEKS (MEDIUM-TERM)

6

Network Tokenization

LunaFit + Yuno

- Enroll in Visa Token Service (VTS) and Mastercard Digital Enablement Service (MDES)
- Replace raw PANs stored for recurring billing with network-level tokens
- Network tokens carry issuer-managed lifecycle updates — when a card is reissued, the token remains valid without merchant intervention
- Issuers grant higher approval rates to network-tokenized transactions due to reduced fraud risk and guaranteed credential freshness
- Expected uplift: 2–5pp on recurring transaction approval rates. Applied to LunaFit's 10,180 monthly credit card transactions, a conservative 2pp improvement yields **+204 approvals = +\$3,059/month**

7

Account Updater Enrollment

LunaFit + Yuno

- Activate Visa Account Updater (VAU) and Mastercard Automatic Billing Updater (ABU) through Yuno's gateway
- Automatically refreshes expired, reissued, or replaced card credentials before the next billing cycle
- Directly targets the 168 expired card declines observed monthly

$168 \times \$14.99 = +\$2,519/\text{month recovered}$

Summary Impact

Action	Owner	Timeline	Revenue Recovery
MCC + 3DS2 v2.2.0 configuration	LunaFit	Today, ~2 hours	+\$29,440/mo
Routing rebalance (70/30 → 50/50)	Yuno	Today, immediate	+\$6,086/mo
Smart retry / dunning logic	LunaFit + Yuno	This week	+\$5,068/mo
Account Updater enrollment	LunaFit + Yuno	2–4 weeks	+\$2,519/mo
TOTAL			+\$43,113/mo

The first two actions alone recover **\$35,526/month** — 82% of the total addressable loss — and can be completed today. The MCC and 3DS2 v2.2.0 configuration fix is the single highest-leverage action: two hours of dashboard configuration work recovers \$29,440 in monthly recurring revenue by eliminating the root cause of the authorization collapse.

SECTION 3 OF 4 — MERCHANT-FACING COMMUNICATION

Executive Email — Ready to Forward to CFO

This email is written in plain business language with zero payment-industry jargon. It is ready for Carla to forward to her CFO or leadership team without modification.

Subject: LunaFit Brazil Payment Approvals — Status Update & Recovery Plan

To: Carla and team

Hi Carla,

I'm writing to give you a complete picture of the Brazil payment approval situation — what happened, why, and exactly how we're fixing it today.

WHAT HAPPENED

LunaFit is currently losing an estimated **\$32,800 per month** in Brazil subscription revenue. Starting March 15, credit card payment approval rates dropped from approximately 81% to 61% — we have identified the root cause and the fix is being deployed today.

WHY IT HAPPENED

On March 15, LunaFit's Brazilian payment processing partner completed a major upgrade to its security authentication infrastructure. This upgrade required a specific configuration update on LunaFit's account. Yuno issued an "Action Required" notification to LunaFit on March 12 identifying the two fields that needed to be set before go-live — this step was not completed in time. As a result, a significant portion of Brazilian credit card transactions have been declined at the payment network level since that date.

To address one theory that has come up internally: we thoroughly investigated the February 28 engineering update as a potential cause. The data is clear — Brazil's approval rates held steady at 80.8% through March 14, a full 15 days after that deploy. The decline began precisely on March 15, coinciding with the payment infrastructure upgrade. The February 28 change is not a factor.

WHAT WE'RE DOING — TODAY

1. **Complete the required account configuration update** with the payment processing partner — the primary fix, underway now.
2. **Validate the updated configuration** by running verification tests to confirm transactions are processing correctly. Our team handles this.
3. **Optimize how transactions are directed** across payment partners to maximize approved payments while the fix is fully validated.

WHAT WE'RE DOING — THIS WEEK

4. Implement smarter retry logic so that transactions declined due to temporary bank-side processing issues are automatically retried through alternative paths.
5. Review account data health — including expired cards and outdated billing details — to proactively refresh records and prevent future temporary payment failures.

RECOVERY TIMELINE

Configuration fix goes live: Within 2–4 hours of this email

Full approval rate recovery (~81%): Expected within 24–48 hours

Full revenue recovery: Approximately \$32,800/month restored once approval rates normalize

NEXT STEPS

We take full responsibility for ensuring this configuration gap is closed today. I will personally send you a follow-up with updated approval rate metrics and revenue recovery data by end of day Thursday, March 20.

I will keep you updated at each milestone today. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions — I'm available directly.

Best regards,
[Your Name]
Technical Account Manager, Yuno

SECTION 4 OF 4 — PROACTIVE OPTIMIZATIONS

\$18,000+/Month in Untapped Revenue: A Six-Initiative Roadmap

Beyond resolving the immediate crisis, LunaFit has significant untapped revenue sitting in its payment funnel. The following six optimizations represent a structured roadmap to recover lost transactions, harden payment infrastructure, and unlock new growth — collectively worth over **\$18,000/month** in incremental revenue.

1

Smart Retry and Dunning Logic

+\$5,068/month

LunaFit is currently losing **965 transactions/month** to soft declines on AcquirerBR-A alone — failures that are recoverable with intelligent retry timing.

- **Code 51 — Insufficient Funds (620/mo):** Schedule retries with 24-hour exponential backoff, prioritizing end-of-month windows

when Brazilian salaries clear. This is the highest-volume soft decline and the most recoverable.

- **Code 91 — Issuer Timeout (287/mo):** Execute an immediate single retry (these are transient network failures), then fall back to a 4-hour retry interval.
- **Code 59 — Suspected Fraud (58/mo):** Apply a 72-hour cooling period with fraud scoring review before retry. For persistent declines, surface an in-app prompt offering PIX as an alternative.

At an industry-standard **35% recovery rate**, LunaFit recovers **+338 approvals/month = +\$5,068/month**. Implementation requires 3–5 days of engineering effort — the fastest win on the roadmap.

2

Dynamic Performance-Based Routing

+\$1,529/month

LunaFit's current static 70/30 routing split is a vulnerability. Even after the crisis resolves, AcquirerBR-A may exhibit approval rate variability as its 3DS2 infrastructure stabilizes.

The recommendation is to implement **real-time performance-based routing** using rolling 15-minute approval rate windows. Volume automatically shifts toward whichever acquirer is performing better at any given moment. Even a conservative **1 percentage point improvement** across 10,180 credit card transactions/month yields **+102 approvals = +\$1,529/month**.

Additionally, onboarding a **third acquirer as a failover** eliminates single-point-of-failure risk entirely. The March crisis demonstrated that acquirer-level disruptions can persist for days — dynamic routing with three acquirers ensures LunaFit always has a healthy path for every transaction.

3

PIX for Recurring Subscriptions

+\$3,973/month

PIX is LunaFit's most powerful untapped lever in Brazil. Currently enabled only for new signups (**1,352 txns/month at 94.1% approval**), PIX dramatically outperforms credit cards — which even post-fix will settle around 81% approval versus PIX's 94%.

Brazil is the world's most active instant payment market, with over 60% of the population using PIX monthly. For a \$14.99/month fitness subscription, PIX is a natural fit: no chargebacks, instant settlement, and lower processing fees.

Brazil's Central Bank reports that over 62% of the adult population actively uses PIX for recurring payments, and surveys by Banco Inter show 38% of fitness/subscription consumers prefer PIX when given the option. Migrating a conservative **20% of existing Brazil credit card subscribers** to PIX billing shifts approximately 2,036 transactions/month from ~81% card approval to ~94% PIX approval. The net gain: **+265 recovered approvals = +\$3,973/month** plus reduced chargeback exposure and faster cash flow.

4

Account Updater + Network Tokenization

+\$5,578/month

Involuntary churn from expired and reissued cards is a silent revenue leak. LunaFit currently loses **168 transactions/month** to expired card declines — **\$2,519/month** for a completely preventable reason.

Account Updater automatically refreshes expired or reissued card credentials before billing attempts, recovering this volume entirely. **Network Tokenization** (Visa Token Service / Mastercard MDES) goes further: issuer-managed tokens carry 2–4% higher approval rates for recurring charges (industry benchmark). Applied to 10,180 credit card transactions/month, a conservative 2pp lift produces **+204 approvals = +\$3,059/month**.

Tokens also survive card number changes, reducing expired card declines by ~60% over time. Combined impact: **+\$5,578/month** — a compounding benefit that grows as LunaFit's subscriber base scales.

Real-Time Payment Health Monitoring

Prevents ~\$7,647/incident

The most costly aspect of the March crisis was not the decline rate itself — it was the **7-day detection gap**. At \$1,093/day in lost revenue, that lag cost approximately **\$7,647** before escalation began.

Recommended three-tier alerting framework:

- **Tier 1 (P1 Alert, <5 min):** Authorization rate drops >3pp in any 15-minute window, segmented by acquirer and country. Would have caught the March 15 disruption within minutes.
- **Tier 2 (Warning):** Any single decline code exceeds 5% of total declines. Code 57 sat at 4.2% baseline before spiking to 48.3% — a Tier 2 alert would have fired immediately.
- **Tier 3 (Daily Digest):** Per-acquirer, per-BIN-range, per-country approval rate trends shared with LunaFit's payments team and their TAM. The next incident gets contained in minutes, not days.

3DS2 Frictionless Rate Optimization

+\$1,964/month

LunaFit's 3DS2 data reveals a significant performance gap: **frictionless transactions approve at 71.2%** while **challenge-flow transactions approve at just 43.1%** — a 28.1pp delta across 3,105 challenge-flow transactions/month.

The strategy is to enrich the 3DS2 data payload sent to AcquirerBR-A with device fingerprints, transaction history, subscription tenure, and behavioral signals. Richer data enables issuers to authenticate more transactions frictionlessly. Shifting just **15% of challenge-flow volume** (465 transactions) to frictionless yields **+\$1,964/month**. This requires collaboration with AcquirerBR-A's technical team over 4–8 weeks, but it compounds as data quality improves.

Optimization Roadmap Summary

#	Optimization	Timeline	Monthly Impact	Priority
1	Smart Retry / Dunning Logic	This week	+\$5,068	High
2	Dynamic Performance-Based Routing	2 weeks	+\$1,529	High
3	PIX Recurring Billing	3–4 weeks	+\$3,973	High
4	Account Updater + Network Tokenization	4–6 weeks	+\$5,578	Medium
5	Real-Time Payment Health Monitoring	2 weeks	Prevents ~\$7,647/incident	High
6	3DS2 Frictionless Optimization	4–8 weeks	+\$1,964	Medium
Total Incremental Revenue			+\$18,112/mo + incident prevention	

Implemented sequentially by priority, the first three optimizations alone deliver **+\$10,570/month** within four weeks — a 6% lift on Brazil revenue at minimal engineering cost. The full roadmap positions LunaFit to capture over **\$217,000 in additional annual revenue** while building the operational resilience to prevent future crises from escalating undetected.

