

CM – Authorization Determination					
Authorize Referral					
Capability Question	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
Business Capability Descriptions					
Is the process primarily manual or automatic?	The process consists primarily of manual activity to accomplish tasks. Primary care provider approves of services by other providers in keeping with state business rules.	SMA uses a mix of manual and automatic processes to accomplish tasks. Primary care provider uses an on-line form to authorize the referral.	SMA automates process to the full extent possible within the intrastate.	SMA automates process to the full extent possible within the region.	SMA automates process to the full extent possible across the nation.
Does the State Medicaid Agency use standards in the process?	SMA focuses on meeting compliance thresholds for state and federal regulations using state-specific standards.	SMA applies a mix of HIPAA and state-specific standards. SMA adopts the Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) X12 278 Health Care Services Review Information transaction.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards, and other nationally recognized standards for intrastate exchange of information.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards, and other nationally recognized standards for clinical and regional information exchange.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards, and other nationally recognized standards for national information exchange.
How easy is it to change the business rules of Authorize Referral?	Manual rule changes require many business days for approval and implementation.	Although there may be some automation of standardized business rules definitions, changes	Adoption of the separation of standardized intrastate business rules definitions from	Adoption of the separation of regionally standardized business rules	Adoption of the separation of nationally standardized business rules

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		and maintenance are labor intensive.	core programming, available in both human and machine-readable formats.	definitions from core programming, available in both human and machine-readable formats.	definitions from core programming, available in both human and machine-readable formats.
How does the State Medicaid Agency collaborate with other agencies or entities in performing the process?	Very little collaboration occurs with other agencies to standardize information exchange or business tasks.	SMA collaborates with other agencies and entities to adopt HIPAA standards and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) transactions.	SMA collaborates with other intrastate agencies and entities to adopt national standards, and to develop and share reusable business services.	SMA collaborates with other regional agencies and entities to adopt national standards, and to develop and share reusable processes including clinical information.	SMA collaborates with agencies and entities for national (and international) interoperability improvements that maximize automation of routine operations.
Business Capability Quality: Timeliness of Process					
How timely is this end-to-end process?	Process meets threshold or mandated requirements for timeliness (i.e., the process achieves results within the time	Process timeliness improves through use of automation. Timeliness exceeds legal requirements.	Timeliness improves via state and federal collaboration, use of information sharing, standards, and regional information exchange hubs. The	Information is available in near real time. Processes that use clinical information result in immediate action, response, and	Information is available in real time. Processes improve further through connectivity with other States and with federal agencies.

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	specified by law or regulation). The Authorize Referral may take many business days to complete.		process requires five (5) minutes or less for routine requests. More complex requests may require 30 minutes to review documentation.	results. SMA has regional interoperability. The process requires five (5) minutes or less for routine requests. More complex requests may require 30 minutes to review documentation.	Most processes execute at the point of service. Results are almost immediate.
Business Capability Quality: Data Access and Accuracy					
How accurate is the information in the process?	Use of direct data entry for information collection is manually intensive and susceptible to inconsistent or incorrect information. Stakeholders are unable to rely on information for decision-making. Information	HIPAA standard transactions improve accuracy of information but the decision-making process may be erroneous or misleading. Accuracy is higher than at Level 1.	Automation of information collection increases the reliability of SMA's internal information. External sources of information use MITA Framework for information exchange. Decision-making is automatic using standardized business rules definitions. Accuracy rating is at 99% or	Automation of information collection increases the reliability of regional sources of information. SMA adopts MITA Framework for information exchange by interstate agencies. Decision-making is automatic using regional standardized business rules	SMA adopts MITA Framework for national information exchange. Decision-making is automatic using national standardized business rules definitions. Accuracy rating is at 99% or higher.

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			higher.	definitions. Accuracy rating is at 99% or higher.	
How accessible is the information in the process?	SMA stores information in disparate systems including paper storage and obtains information manually.	SMA stores information in disparate systems, but automation and HIPAA standards increase accessibility to less than one (1) hour.	SMA obtains information easily and exchanges with intrastate agencies and entities based on MITA Framework and industry standards. Accessibility is 30 seconds or less.	SMA obtains information easily and exchanges with interstate agencies and entities. Accessibility is 30 seconds or less.	SMA obtains information easily and exchanges with national agencies and entities. Accessibility is 30 seconds or less.
Business Capability Quality: Cost-Effectiveness					
What is the cost of the process compared to the benefits of its results?	High relative cost due to low number of automatic, standardized tasks.	Automation improves process and allows focus on exception resolution, improving cost effectiveness ratio over Level 1.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards, and other nationally recognized standards further improving cost effectiveness ratio over Level 2.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards, and other nationally recognized standards for regional information exchange improving cost effectiveness ratio over Level 3.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards, and other nationally recognized standards for national (and international) information exchange. SMA increases cost effectiveness ratio over level 4.

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Business Capability Quality: Effort to Perform; Efficiency					
How efficient is the process?	Process is labor intensive. There is wasted effort or expense to accomplish tasks. Process meets minimum state process guidelines and SMA performance standards. Efficiency is low.	Automation and state standards increase productivity. Efficiency is higher than Level 1.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with intrastate agencies and entities improving efficiency to 95% or higher.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with regional agencies and entities improving efficiency to 98% or higher.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with national agencies and entities improving efficiency to 98% or higher.
Business Capability Quality: Accuracy of Process Results					
How accurate are the results of the process?	Manual processes result in greater opportunity for human error. Accuracy is low.	Automation and standardized business rules definitions reduce error and improve accuracy above Level 1.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with intrastate agencies and entities improving accuracy to 95% or higher.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with regional agencies and entities improving accuracy to 98% or higher.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with national agencies and entities improving accuracy to 98% or higher.

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Business Capability Quality: Utility or Value to Stakeholders					
Does the business process satisfy stakeholders?	Stakeholders lack confidence in information negatively affecting stakeholder satisfaction with the process.	Automation and standardization provides clear and useful information. Stakeholder satisfaction is greater than Level 1.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with intrastate agencies and entities improving stakeholder satisfaction to 90% or higher. SMA uses survey or questionnaire for information collection.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with regional agencies and entities improving stakeholder satisfaction to 95% or higher.	SMA adopts MITA Framework, industry standards and information exchange with national agencies and entities improving stakeholder satisfaction to 98% or higher.