

## Report on Medicare Compliance Volume 28, Number 11. March 25, 2019 Understanding the Differences Between Standard and Expedited MA Appeals

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The expedited appeals process is an underused strategy for overturning Medicare Advantage pre-service benefit denials, says Brian Moore, M.D., medical director of utilization management and physician advisor services at Atrium Health in North and South Carolina (“Expedited Appeals of MA Benefit Denials Could Be ‘Game-Changer’ for Hospitals,” *RMC* 28, no. 11). Here’s a CMS flow chart that summarizes the differences between the standard process for provider appeals to MA plans and expedited appeals. Contact Moore at [brian.moore@atriumhealth.org](mailto:brian.moore@atriumhealth.org).

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