

42 C.F.R. § 422.122

Prior authorization requirements.

- (a) *Communicating a reason for denial.* Beginning January 1, 2026, if the MA organization denies a prior authorization request (excluding request for coverage of drugs as defined in § 422.119(b)(1)(v)), in accordance with the timeframes established in §§ 422.568(b)(1) and 422.572(a)(1), the response to the provider must include a specific reason for the denial, regardless of the method used to communicate that information.
- (b) *Prior Authorization Application Programming Interface (API).* Beginning January 1, 2027, an MA organization must implement and maintain an API conformant with § 422.119(c)(2) through (4), (d), and (e), and the standards in 45 CFR 170.215(a)(1), (b)(1)(i), and (c)(1) that—
- (1) Is populated with the MA organization's list of covered items and services (excluding drugs, as defined in § 422.119(b)(1)(v)) that require prior authorization;

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