Expedited Authorization Request (as defined in 42 CFR 438.210)
A request for which a provider indicates or a Contractor determines that using the standard timeframe could seriously jeopardize the member's life or health or ability to attain, maintain or regain maximum function. The Contractor must make an expedited authorization decision and provide notice as expeditiously as the member's health condition requires no later than three working days following the receipt of the authorization request, with a possible extension of up to 14 calendar days if the member or provider requests an extension or if the Contractor justifies a need for additional information and the delay is in the member's best interest.