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## Summary

Statistical testing was used to identify significant differences on each metric between cohorts. Each metric can have a value of *Significant* (meaning that a statistically significant difference existed between at least two groups) or *No difference* (indicating that no statistically significant differences were found).

Metric	Standard	Expedited
Approval rate	✓ No difference	✓ No difference
Denial rate	✓ No difference	✓ No difference
Approved after appeal	✓ No difference	✓ No difference
Approved after extension	✓ No difference	✓ No difference
Decision time	✓ No difference	✓ No difference

#### **Definitions**

• SRF – Social risk factor.

## Cohort descriptions

- BOTH\_FULL Member's with disability and low-income subsidy.
- **CONTROL** The control group; Medicare members without SRF's.
- **DISABILITY\_ONLY** Presence of only the disability SRF.
- **DIS\_OR\_LIS** Presence of either the disability or low-income subsidy SRF.
- LIS\_FULL\_ONLY Presence of only the low-income subsidy SRF.
- Overall An aggregate of all the cohorts listed above.



#### Column names

- Approval\_Rate Approval rate.
- **Denial\_Rate** Denial rate.
- Extension\_Rate Percent approved after extension.
- Appeal\_Rate Percent approved after appeal.
- **MED\_Decision\_HRS** Median decision time in hours.
- AVG\_Decision\_HRS Mean decision time in hours.

## Standard authorizations

Group	Approval _Rate	Denial _Rate	Extension _Rate	Appeal _Rate	MED_Decision _HRS	AVG_Decision _HRS
BOTH_FULL	94.94%	5.06%	0%	1.35%	0	0.37
CONTROL	95.32%	4.62%	0%	0.32%	0	8.51
DISABILITY_ONLY	94.57%	5.43%	0%	0%	1	17.98
DIS_OR_LIS	93.95%	6.05%	0%	0.62%	0	9.4
LIS_FULL_ONLY	94.8%	5.2%	0%	0%	0	12.66
Overall	95.02%	4.94%	0%	0.43%	0	8.56

# **Expedited authorizations**

Group	Approval _Rate	Denial _Rate	Extension _Rate	Appeal _Rate	MED_Decision _HRS	AVG_Decision _HRS
BOTH_FULL	80%	18.67%	0%	0%	1.96	9.18
CONTROL	93.3%	6.7%	0%	0%	2.29	2.29
DISABILITY_ONLY	92.31%	7.3%	0%	0%	4.35	3.62
DIS_OR_LIS	92.86%	8.52%	0%	0%	1.95	3.05
LIS_FULL_ONLY	100%	0%	0%	0%	3.67	3.67
Overall	92.86%	6.6%	0%	0%	1.67	2.8

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