

2009-112 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES—Medi-Cal Treatment Authorization Request Process

The audit by the Bureau of State Audits will provide independently developed and verified information related to the Medi-Cal TAR process and would include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Review the policies and procedures for administering the TAR process including the criteria used to approve or reject a TAR and the number of medical services codes that currently require a TAR.
3. Determine how much Health Care Services has spent on the administration of the TAR process each year over the past five years.
4. Determine whether the department has performed a cost-benefit analysis or any other review of the TAR process. If a cost-benefit analysis or any other review of the TAR process has been performed, determine whether there were recommendations and, if so, whether the recommendations were implemented and to what effect.
5. For a two-year period, identify the average response time for a TAR by provider category and by the method used to request the TAR. In addition, identify the TARs that are the most and the least commonly rejected and determine whether Health Care Services followed its rejection criteria.