

# How Are You Achieving The Texas Gold Card Regulation Recently Enacted?

Health plans, TPAs and PBMs that use a preauthorization process operating in Texas have been handed a daunting compliance task with Gold Card regulation (H.B. 3459).

## MINIMUM COMPLIANCE EVERY JANUARY AND JUNE REQUIRES THAT YOU:

- Review 100% of your providers for Preauthorization Exemption, i.e., Gold Card status
- Evaluate plan providers for Gold Card status by reviewing a sample of all prior authorizations (PAs) for each specific healthcare service in the most recent six-month period
- Determine if plan providers have a 90% or greater approval rating for initial PAs based on health and pharmacy services
- Provide reviews completed by an Independent Review Organization for all provider Gold Card rescission appeals
- Required use of a Texas license same or similar specialty physician for Gold Card initial appeals and rescission reviews

## MRIOA EASES THE BURDEN OF THIS COMPLIANCE

Medical Review Institute of America (MRIoA) is the market leader for independent utilization review and clinical review solutions. We offer the largest, most extensive review network, industry-leading turnaround times (TATs), and a collaborative approach that is transforming independent review and the delivery of healthcare services.

**MRIOA can help you understand the implications of the Texas Gold Card regulation. Our Gold Card solution:**

- **Utilizes a panel of TX licensed specialists to ensure full compliance**
- **Offers robust cost containment**
  - Review all eligible drugs/services to validate exemptions
  - Validate medical necessity of provider exemptions
- **Reduced strain on internal resources**
  - Plans who need need additional resources to handle immense review burden

A typical health plan with 150 providers that covers 100 drugs and services faces 15,000 reviews every six (6) months

MRIOA sets the gold standard for medical review services. Let's talk about putting your health plan or PBM in control with seamless Texas Gold Card compliance.

### About Medical Review Institute of America (MRIoA)

Founded in 1983, MRIoA is the top medical review company in the United States. With the largest, most extensive review network, industry-leading turnaround times (TATs), and UR licensing in all states that require it, our professionalism, enthusiasm and collaborative approach are transforming clinical care delivery nationwide. MRIoA is a technology enabled provider of clinical insights to payers and patients through analytics and evidence-based clinical opinions derived from independent specialty reviews and virtual 2nd opinion solutions that empower better decisioning.

### WHAT IS THE TEXAS GOLD CARD?

An exemption to a plan's Prior Authorization process

### WHEN DOES THE REGULATION TAKE EFFECT?

H.B. 3459 went into effect 9/1/2021

### WHAT HEALTH PLANS ARE IMPACTED?

Commercial fully insured health maintenance organization (HMO) plans, preferred provider benefit (PPO) plans, exclusive provider benefit (EPO) plans, and PBMs supporting these plans for pharmacy review

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GOLD CARD?

All Texas providers: MDs, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Allied Health (dental/podiatry/etc.)

### HOW IS A GOLD CARD EARNED?

It requires a Prior Authorization approval rate of  $\geq 90\%$  per healthcare service over a six-month period

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