

Prior Authorization Start Dates

As seen in the below chart, CMS is phasing in the rollout of the Prior Authorization component of the demonstration.

State	DME MAC Jurisdiction	Pre-Payment Review Start Date*	Prior Authorization Start Date**
CA	D	January 1, 2012	On or after April 1, 2012
IL	B	January 1, 2012	On or after June 1, 2012
MI	B	January 1, 2012	On or after June 1, 2012
NY	A	January 1, 2012	On or after June 1, 2012
FL	C	January 1, 2012	On or after August 1, 2012
NC	C	January 1, 2012	On or after August 1, 2012
TX	C	January 1, 2012	On or after August 1, 2012

*For dates of service

**For orders written

It should be noted that shared system changes were necessary to allow prior authorization. CMS plans to start the prior authorization phase of the demonstration in one state and then slowly expand prior authorization over a period of time to ensure that each contractor's systems are properly operating. CMS also considered claims volume when designing the roll out. To ensure the demonstration functions properly, CMS needs the claims volume to be large enough to test the system (and the process) but not so large as to overwhelm the system.