WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method, comprising:

receiving, at a payment system authorization platform, an authorization message from an acquirer platform, the authorization message being associated with a payment transaction;

determining, by the payment system authorization platform, that the authorization request meets a pre-determined condition;

responsive to the determination, transmitting information about the authorization message to an analytics rules engine; and

receiving, at the payment system authorization platform, information from the analytics rules engine, the received information from the analytics rules engine including risk data for the payment transaction.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said transmitting comprises forwarding the authorization message to the analytics rules engine.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the information received from the analytics rules engine is a supplemented authorization message.

4. The method of claim ~~1~~3, wherein the supplemented authorization message includes ~~at least one of: (i) a risk flag, (ii)~~ a risk score~~, (iii) a cardholder category, (iv) a terminal category, and (v) enhanced expert monitoring service score data~~.

5. The method of claim 3, further comprising:

forwarding the supplemented authorization message to at least one of: (i) the acquirer platform, and (ii) an issuer platform.

~~6. The method of claim 1, wherein the information received from the analytics rules engine is an authorization approval decision.~~

~~7. The method of claim 6, further comprising:~~

~~responsive to the authorization approval decision, transmitting to an issuer platform at least one of (i) the authorization message, and (ii) a supplemented authorization message received from the analytics rules engine.~~

~~8.~~6. The method of claim 1, wherein the determination is based on a bank identification number associated with the authorization request.

~~9.~~7. A payment system authorization platform, comprising:

a first input to receive an authorization message from an acquirer platform, the authorization message being associated with a payment transaction;

a determination component to determine that the authorization request meets a pre-determined condition;

responsive to the determination, an output to transmit information about the authorization message to an analytics rules engine; and

a second input to receive information from the analytics rules engine, the received information from the analytics rules engine including risk data for the payment transaction.

~~10.~~8. A non-transitory, computer readable medium having stored therein instructions that, upon execution, cause a computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving, at a payment system authorization platform, an authorization message from an acquirer platform, the authorization message being associated with a payment transaction;

determining, by the payment system authorization platform, that the authorization request meets a pre-determined condition;

responsive to the determination, transmitting information about the authorization message to an analytics rules engine; and

receiving, at the payment system authorization platform, information from the analytics rules engine, the received information from the analytics rules engine including risk data for the payment transaction.

~~11.~~9. A method, comprising:

receiving, at an analytics rules engine from a payment system authorization platform, information about an authorization message associated with a payment transaction;

analyzing, by the analytics rules engine, the information about the authorization message in accordance with at least one rule to generate a result; and

responsive to the result, transmitting information about the authorization message to the payment system authorization platform, the transmitted information including risk data for the payment transaction.

~~12.~~10. The method of claim 9, wherein the received information comprises the authorization message.

~~13.~~11. The method of claim ~~12~~10, wherein the information transmitted to the payment system authorization platform is a supplemented authorization message.

~~14.~~12. The method of claim ~~13~~11, wherein the supplemented authorization message includes ~~at least one of: (i) a risk flag, (ii)~~ a risk score~~, (iii) a cardholder category, (iv) a terminal category, and (v) enhanced expert monitoring service score data~~.

~~15. The method of claim 11 , wherein the information transmitted to the payment system authorization platform is an authorization approval decision.~~

~~16.~~13. The method of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the rule is based on information about at least one of: (i) a cardholder associated with the authorization message, (ii) an account associated with the authorization message, (iii) a payment card associated with the authorization message, (iv) a merchant associated with the authorization message, and (v) a merchant terminal associated with the authorization message.

~~17.~~14. The method of claim ~~16~~13, wherein the rule is based on at least one of: (i) a travel category, and (ii) an online spending category.

~~18.~~15. The method of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the rule is based on information about a terminal associated with the authorization message.

~~19.~~16. The method of claim ~~18~~15, wherein the rule is based on at least one of: (i) a transaction frequency, (ii) a transaction amount, and (iii) a transaction location.

~~20.~~17. The method of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the rule is based on issuers other than an issuer associated with the authorization message and the payment transaction.

~~21.~~18. The method of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the rule is based on a cardholder other than a cardholder associated with the authorization message.

~~22.~~19. The method of claim ~~11~~9, wherein the rule is based on a terminal other than a terminal associated with the authorization message.

~~23.~~20. An analytics rules engine, comprising:

an input to receive, from a payment system authorization platform, information about an authorization message associated with a payment transaction;

an analyzer to analyze the information about the authorization message in accordance with at least one rule to generate a result; and

responsive to the result, an output to transmit information about the authorization message to the payment system authorization platform, the transmitted information including risk data for the payment transaction.

~~24.~~21. A non-transitory, computer readable medium having stored therein instructions that, upon execution, cause a computer to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving, at an analytics rules engine from a payment system authorization platform, information about an authorization message associated with a payment transaction;

analyzing, by the analytics rules engine, the information about the authorization message in accordance with at least one rule to generate a result; and

responsive to the result, transmitting information about the authorization message to the payment system authorization platform, the transmitted information including risk data for the payment transaction.

~~25.~~22. An analytics rules shared services portal, comprising:

an input to receive, from an issuer platform, a call associated with an authorization message associated with a payment transaction;

an analyzer to analyze the information about the call in accordance with at least one rule to generate a result; and

responsive to the result, an output to transmit information about the authorization message to the issuer platform, the transmitted information including risk data for the payment transaction.

~~26.~~23. The analytics rules shared services portal of claim ~~25~~22, wherein the at least one rule is based on ~~associated with at least one of: (i) cardholder information, (ii) merchant information, and (iii) information associated with other~~ issuer platforms other than the issuer platform associated with the payment transaction.