



To: Members of the Ohio House

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On behalf of the above organizations we encourage you to co-sponsor forthcoming legislation sponsored by Representative Kevin Miller, which will create a Prior Authorization Gold Card Program for Ohio providers.

This legislation will create a process to reward high performing health care providers who are consistently adhering to evidence-based medicine by exempting those providers from prior authorization requirements. This common sense legislation will significantly reduce the regulatory burden faced daily by our health care and health insurance providers.

Prior authorization is a process utilized by health plans as a way to manage costs, and requires providers to obtain insurer approval before a prescribed treatment, test, or other medical service rendered to a patient is eligible for payment. **Unfortunately, the process of getting prior authorization is frequently cited by all within the health care community as a major contributor to administrative burden, frustration, and hassle, and frequently causes roadblocks to care that increase risk of poor health outcomes and harm to patients.**

We applaud Representative Kevin Miller for attempting to reduce the barriers to care all Ohioans face by streamlining the prior authorization process and eliminating red tape and excessive overregulation of the health care community and the patients we proudly serve.

Again, we urge you to co-sponsor this legislation in order to help Ohio become a leader and innovator in judicious, common-sense reform of prior authorization that will improve care delivery across the state. Thank you for your consideration.

To co-sponsor this legislation please contact Daniel Slaybaugh in Rep. Miller's office at Daniel.slaybaugh@ohiohouse.gov.