



To: House Insurance Committee

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Subject: HB 228382; Enacting the ensuring transparency in prior authorization act to impose requirements and limitations on the use of prior authorization in healthcare.

Proponent Testimony

Chairman Sutton and other members of this committee I appreciate the opportunity to present written proponent testimony on HB 2283.

HB 2283 will require utilization review entities to accept and respond to prior authorization requests using a secure online portal. Additionally, they would be required to either make a determination on the prior authorization or ask for more information within 24 hours of the request.

Doctors of Chiropractic frequently order advanced imaging tests such as CT and MRI scans that are subject to prior authorization. Additionally, some insurance companies, typically through third-party administrators, require prior authorization for evaluation and treatment services.

HB 2283 will streamline the prior authorization process and shorten the time patients must wait for either diagnostic testing or treatment.

While prior authorization can be helpful in controlling healthcare costs and preventing unnecessary treatments or procedures, it can also have an impact on health outcomes. The process of obtaining prior authorization can delay access to medical treatment, which can result in negative health outcomes for some patients.

A 2021 Survey by the American Medical Association¹ showed that 82% of physicians have had patients abandon treatment due to the burden of prior authorization. Additionally, 34% of physicians report that prior authorization has led to a serious adverse event including hospitalizations and permanent impairment.

We offer our support for HB 2283 and ask the House Insurance Committee to recommend HB 2283 favorable for passage.

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References:

1: 2021 AMA prior authorization (PA) physician survey available at: <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/prior-authorization-survey.pdf>