Let’s work together to put PATIENT CARE OVER PROCESS

Vote YES to SB 1607 for Prior Authorization REFORM

What is prior authorization?
Prior Authorization is a process requiring physicians to obtain insurer approval before treatments are paid for by insurance.

How does prior authorization negatively impact patient care?

1. LOST TIME FOR CARE
   - 15 hours a week on average time physicians spend on prior authorization paperwork
   - This results in 104 days a year they are not able to care for their patients

2. DELAYS IN CARE
   - 92% of physicians report delays in necessary care due to prior authorization
   - 78% of physicians report these delays can lead to patients abandoning care

3. POOR OUTCOMES
   - 61% of physicians report prior authorization negatively affects clinical outcomes for their patients
   - Approximately 66% of prescriptions rejected at the pharmacy require prior authorization

TURN OVER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE
Who is impacted and why?

Each year thousands of patients in Virginia are denied or delayed the health care they need due to prior authorizations.

*True stories from Virginia Patients...*

**JOHN (Manassas, VA)** had been on a medication for his rare disease for over ten years with his symptoms under control. After years of taking the medication, his insurance company required a prior authorization, which was denied. The appeal process took 6 months, ending in a court case. The authorization was still denied. The patient’s disease and symptoms have since worsened.

**ELIZABETH (Lynchburg, VA)** was in the middle of a treatment plan prescribed by her doctor when her insurance plan changed. Her new plan no longer covered the treatment. Re-authorization took 2 months and her disease progressed significantly.

What is it costing us?

A *national study* estimated indirect and direct costs for prior authorization to be between *

$23 and $31 billion*

There are proven solutions...

In Minnesota, health plans and physicians worked collaboratively to implement a common sense solution to prior authorization.

The result was **$230 million in savings**

How you can help...

It’s time for the Virginia General Assembly, insurance companies, and physicians to work together for the good of Virginia’s patients.

*Names & locations have been changed to protect patient privacy. | Sources: American Medical Association, Xtelligent Healthcare Media, LLC

Learn more at www.msv.org/priorauth