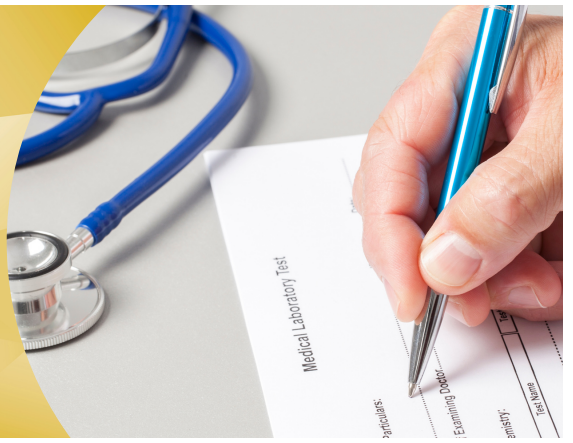


## *Our Priority:* **PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**



Utilization review policies (e.g., prior authorization and step therapy) create inefficiencies in the health care delivery system. These policies inject a third-party into the patient-physician relationship, creating significant barriers for patients by delaying the start or continuation of necessary treatment and placing significant costs and stress on physicians who must fight to ensure proper care for their patients.

**MedChi led a coalition of stakeholders to create consensus legislation that will return care back to physicians and other health care practitioners.**

**Support SB 791 / HB 932: Health Insurance – Utilization Review – Revisions.**

| Issue   | MedChi Advocates for:  |
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| 93% of physicians have experienced delays in patient care due to prior authorization processes.   | Requiring carriers to respond to requests for health care services in a timely manner or have the service deemed approved  |
| 82% of physicians have experienced treatment abandonment by patients who are encumbered by prior authorization hurdles.                         | Allowing a patient who has been successfully treated on a prescription drug to stay on that drug and not have to stop it to try other drugs preferred by the insurance carrier |
| 73% of physicians report concerns over whether prior authorization decisions are evidence-based and/or align with medical specialty guidelines. | Requiring carriers to use evidence-based medicine and/or guidelines from national medical specialty societies  |
| 88% of physicians describe the burden associated with prior authorization as “high” or “extremely high.”  | Increasing transparency and communication between practitioners and the carrier when carriers deny a health care service   |
| 40% of physicians employ staff that work exclusively on prior authorization administration.   | Streamlining prior authorization requirements by exempting prior authorization for certain drugs or procedures.  |

**Call or e-mail [your legislators](#), the members of the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee and ask them to support SB 791 / HB 932: Health Insurance – Utilization Review – Revisions.**

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