

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the need for federal legislative action to streamline, standardize, and reform the prior authorization process to ensure that healthcare decisions are made in a timely and efficient manner based on patient needs and not solely by insurance protocols; and

1 WHEREAS, several states, including Louisiana, have made strides at the state level
2 to address prior authorization issues, but further reforms are necessary at the federal level
3 to ensure consistency, fairness, and the protection of patient welfare nationwide; and

4 WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has taken steps
5 to improve prior authorization processes for Medicare Advantage plans, however there is
6 still much room for improvement; and

7 WHEREAS, bipartisan support exists for reform efforts that improve access to care
8 while reducing administrative burden on providers and patients, including legislation such
9 as the "Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act"; and

10 WHEREAS, federal legislation is needed to ensure that prior authorization processes
11 are transparent, that approval or denial of medical services occurs in a timely manner, and
12 that there is a clear appeals process for patients and providers.

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14 memorialize the Congress of the United States to take immediate and comprehensive action
15 to reform prior authorization policies, including:

16 (1) The establishment of clear, timely, and standardized timelines for prior
17 authorization decisions.

18 (2) The reduction of administrative burdens on healthcare providers to streamline the
19 process and ensure that patient care is not delayed unnecessarily.

20 (3) The elimination of prior authorization requirements relative to generic
21 medications.

22 (4) The introduction of legislative measures that provide a clear and effective appeals
23 process for patients and providers when prior authorization is denied.

24 (5) The implementation of regulations that prioritize the needs of patients over
25 bureaucratic red tape, ensuring that healthcare decisions are made by healthcare
26 professionals rather than insurance companies.

27 (6) The creation of oversight and transparency mechanisms to ensure that insurance
28 companies comply with prior authorization timelines and procedures.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be transmitted
30 to the secretary of the United States Senate, the clerk of the United States House of

1 Representatives, and each member of the Louisiana congressional delegation.

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Memorializes Congress to take action relative to the use of prior authorization processes and its impact on the citizens of Louisiana.