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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13

BY SENATOR PRESSLY

CONGRESS. Memorializes Congress to take action relative to the use of prior authorization processes.

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To memorialize the Congress of the United States to take action relative to the use of prior
3	authorization processes and its impact on the citizens of Louisiana.
4	WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana recognizes the critical need to ensure timely
5	access to healthcare services for all its citizens; and
6	WHEREAS, prior authorization processes, which are required by insurance
7	companies for certain medical treatments, procedures, and medications, have been a
8	persistent source of delay, frustration, and barriers to timely and appropriate care for
9	Louisiana's patients; and
10	WHEREAS, these delays in care can result in negative health outcomes, increased
11	costs to both patients and the healthcare system, and unnecessary suffering; and
12	WHEREAS, physicians in Louisiana report that the prior authorization process
13	places a significant administrative burden on medical professionals, impeding their ability
14	to provide timely and effective care for their patients; and
15	WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature recognizes the need for federal legislative
16	action to streamline, standardize, and reform the prior authorization process to ensure that
17	healthcare decisions are made in a timely and efficient manner based on patient needs and
18	not solely by insurance protocols; and

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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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