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As a physical therapist practicing Oregon I am in support of SB 3134. In a time where access to medical services is becoming increasingly difficult for our community members minimizing burdens to access is important for several reasons. Medical providers are feeling burnt out from having to provide additional paperwork, support staff are taken away from patient first experience, and patients care is put on pause or denied because of current authorization processes.

Delays to care created by prior authorization creates frustration for all parties involved and impacts the speed at which outcomes can be achieved for our patients. Prior authorization shifts the focus of the patient and puts emphasis insurance based decision making.

Supporting SB 3134 puts the emphasis back on patients and reduces barriers to accessing meaningful healthcare. We are in a time when patients need and want to trust that their care is being dictated by medical professional not a third party or insurance company that does not know their individual story.

Thank you for taking time to consider your impact on supporting this bill!

Sincerely,

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