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Oregon State Legislature

Senate Committee on Health Care
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301
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RE: HB 3134, Relating to prior authorization

Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, and Members of the Committee:

The Hospital Association of Oregon is a mission-driven nonprofit association representing Oregon's 61 community hospitals. The hospital association supports HB 3134A, which helps Oregon begin to address systemic problems with the prior authorization process.

Prior authorization can delay care and be used as a tool to deny care, preventing patients from accessing the services and treatment they need and providers from getting paid for the work they do. HB 3134A enacts key provisions to improve transparency in prior authorization data, protect reimbursement for medically necessary procedures during approved surgeries, and align Oregon's electronic prior authorization process with federal standards. This legislation marks a crucial step in reducing prior authorization delays and advancing patient care.

HB 3134A holds insurers accountable by requiring them to publicly disclose prior authorization data, including approval and denial rates. Policymakers can use this data to assess systemic issues and make informed decisions to promote patient care and reduce unnecessary denials.

The bill also promotes efficiency and mitigates administrative harms associated with prior authorizations. HB 3134A requires insurers to reimburse medically necessary procedures that providers identify during approved surgeries, preventing situations where a provider must halt a procedure due to bureaucratic hurdles. It also updates Oregon's requirements for electronic prior authorization



submissions to align with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requirements, cutting administrative waste while retaining necessary oversight procedures for insurers.

HB 3134A is an important step to resolve issues created by the current prior authorization process. The hospital association urges the committee members to vote yes on HB 3134A, as it offers solutions to help safeguard patients from the administrative burdens and potential harm associated with the prior authorization process.

Sincerely,



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About the Hospital Association of Oregon

Founded in 1934, the Hospital Association of Oregon (HAO) is a mission-driven, nonprofit trade association representing Oregon's 61 hospitals. Together, hospitals are the sixth largest private employer statewide, employing more than 70,000 employees. Committed to fostering a stronger, safer, more equitable Oregon where all people have access to the high-quality care they need, the hospital association supports Oregon's hospitals so they can support their communities; educates government officials and the public on the state's health landscape, and works collaboratively with policymakers, community based organizations and the health care community to build consensus on and advance health care policy benefiting the state's four million residents.

