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The Honorable Mark Green
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kim Schrier, MD
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Gregory Murphy, MD
United States House of Representatives
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Dear Representatives Green, Schrier, and Murphy:

On behalf of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and the more than 197,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and medical students we represent, we write to offer our support for the *Reducing Medically Unnecessary Delays in Care Act* (H.R. 2433). This bipartisan legislation provides critical reforms to the prior authorization process that will protect patients and improve care delivery across the country.

The frequency of prior authorization (PA) and utilization management requirements continues to increase. In 2024, 23% of physicians reported that prior authorization caused the hospitalization of patients and 94% of physicians believe that PA requirements negatively affect patient care.¹ On average, physicians and their staff spend 16 hours per week on PA paperwork, increasing costs, and delaying care for patients.² Your legislation would help to alleviate these pressures on physician practices, and their patients.

The AOA applauds your leadership in ensuring that harmful PA practices do not delay access to care. Reforming PA in traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage, and Part D by requiring prior authorizations and adverse determinations to be made by a licensed physician who is board certified in a relevant specialty is an essential step toward re-empowering the physician-patient relationship.

Physicians are the leaders of a patient care team and should be empowered to provide the best possible care for their patients. Should a PA be necessary, qualified medical personnel of the same specialty should make that decision. Additionally, PA decisions should reflect evidence-based guidelines that are consistent with national medical specialty society guidelines where available.

Again, thank you for your dedicated leadership on this important issue. The AOA and our members stand ready to assist you in securing the enactment of this legislation. If you have any questions or if the AOA can be a resource, please contact AOA Vice President of Public Policy, John-Michael Villarama, at jvillarama@osteopathic.org.

Sincerely,

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¹ AMA. "Prior Authorization Physician Survey." 2024. Available [here](#).

² AMA. "AMA President sounds alarm on national physician shortage." Oct 25, 2023. Available [here](#).