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RRC Applauds House Energy & Commerce Committee for Advancing “Seniors’ Act”

Washington, DC— The Regulatory Relief Coalition (RRC), a group of 16 national physician organizations, applauds the House Committee on Energy and Commerce for passing – by unanimous 45-0 vote – the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act ([H.R. 3514](#) / [S. 1816](#)) during the committee's July 21, 2026, markup.

With yesterday’s action, the Seniors' Act has now cleared both of its House committees of jurisdiction. The bill passed the House Committee on Ways and Means by unanimous 42-0 vote on July 15, 2026, following the bill’s approval by the Subcommittee on Health for the House Energy and Commerce on June 25, 2026. This back-to-back committee progress reflects an extraordinary level of consensus behind a proposal that would improve patient care at no cost to taxpayers.

Now co-sponsored by [298](#) House members, the Seniors' Act stands as the most widely supported bipartisan, zero-cost health care legislation of the 119th Congress. The bill is led by Representatives Mike Kelly (R-PA), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), John Joyce, MD (R-PA), and Ami Bera, MD (D-CA), along with Senators Roger Marshall, MD (R-KS), and Mark Warner (D-VA), a bipartisan group strategically positioned across the key committees of jurisdiction in both chambers.

The Seniors' Act would modernize the Medicare Advantage (MA) prior authorization process by establishing electronic prior authorization, strengthening transparency and accountability, increasing proper government oversight, and streamlining determinations for medically necessary care. Those reforms would enable more than 35 million seniors, individuals with disabilities, and veterans enrolled in MA to choose and receive reliable and predictable care.

While some insurers have made voluntary commitments to scale back their use of prior authorization, health care providers and patients have seen little meaningful change, underscoring the need for Congress to hold MA plans accountable by passing the bill into law. Notably, the Congressional Budget Office determined at the end of the 118th Congress that the legislation would have no impact on federal spending.

Momentum is equally strong in the Senate, where the companion bill secured [71](#) bipartisan cosponsors, well beyond a supermajority. The bill is also endorsed by over [300](#) national and state organizations representing patients, physicians and other clinicians, medical technology and biopharmaceutical manufacturers, and the insurance industry.

With both committees now behind the bill, the RRC urges House leadership to bring the Seniors’ Act to the floor for passage to improve access to care for the millions of seniors, veterans, and individuals with disabilities who have chosen MA coverage.

For more information about the Regulatory Relief Coalition and the Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act, please visit regrelief.org.

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