

Support the Seniors' Act

The Regulatory Relief Coalition (RRC) is a group of national physician specialty organizations and allies advocating for regulatory burden reduction in Medicare so physicians can spend more time treating patients.



The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (Seniors' Act)

The *Seniors' Act* (S. 1816/H.R. 3514) is bipartisan legislation that would protect seniors from unnecessary delays and denials of medically necessary care by streamlining and standardizing prior authorization (PA) in Medicare Advantage (MA).

Senate Champions

Roger Marshall, MD (R-KS)
Mark Warner (D-VA)



House Champions

Mike Kelly (R-PA)
Suzan DelBene (D-WA)
Ami Bera, MD (D-CA)
John Joyce, MD (R-PA)

- [Bill Text](#) • [Cosponsor List](#) • [Endorsement List](#)

As of September 1, 2026 the bill has **71 Senate and 303 House** cosponsors, and **over 300 endorsing organizations**. We have gained a majority of cosponsors in the House and Senate.

The *Seniors' Act* Key Provisions

The *Seniors' Act* would put patients over paperwork by **modernizing the PA process, providing transparency, and additional oversight** to the MA program:

- » Establish e-PA for MA plans including a standardization for transactions and clinical attachments.
- » Increase transparency around MA prior authorization requirements and their use.
- » Clarify CMS' authority to establish timeframes for e-PA requests including expedited determinations, real-time decisions for routinely approved items and services, and any other PA request.
- » Expand beneficiary protections to improve enrollee experiences and outcomes.
- » Require HHS and other agencies to report to Congress on program integrity efforts and other ways to further improve the e-PA process.

Pass the *Seniors' Act* in the 119th Congress

Bipartisan, Bicameral Legislation Supported by Every Type of Healthcare Stakeholder.

- The legislation is supported by hundreds of national and state organizations representing patients, MA plans, health care providers, the medical device and biopharmaceutical industry, information technology software, and more.

Preliminary CBO score of zero.

- In response to the CMS final rules issued in January 2024, bill champions updated the remaining scoring provisions with mindful, budget-neutral policies.
- CBO assigned the legislation a preliminary score of zero in October 2024

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Determined MA Plans Deny Access for Seniors.

- The OIG has repeatedly called out the overuse and abuse of PA by MA plans.
- In 2018, OIG found that MA organizations overturned 75% of prior authorization denials.
- MA organizations deny over one million PA requests yearly. In 2019, an estimated 13% of those denials were for services the OIG deemed medically necessary for the patient.
- [Read the April 2022 Report](#) and [March 2024 Impact Brief](#)

“Congress has the opportunity to deliver a meaningful victory for seniors by swiftly sending this legislation to the president’s desk.”

– Alexander A. Khalessi, MD, MBA, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, Congress of Neurological Surgeons

“The overwhelming and bipartisan support for the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act is evidence that the relief we're fighting for is vital and urgent for our patients and our profession.”

– Stephen D. McLeod, MD, CEO, American Academy of Ophthalmology

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