



September 12, 2022

Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Republican Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy:

Members of the [Regulatory Relief Coalition \(RRC\)](#) — a group of national physician specialty organizations advocating for reduced regulatory burdens that interfere with patient care — thank you for scheduling a House floor vote on the *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act* on September 14, 2022.

This bipartisan bill is supported by more than 310 House co-sponsors and over [500 endorsing organizations](#) (see attachment) representing patients, health care providers, medical technology and biopharmaceutical industry, health plans and others. The RRC's goal is to ensure that bureaucratic hurdles do not stand in the way of physicians providing medically necessary patient care.

The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act would improve prior authorization in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program by:

- Establishing an electronic prior authorization (ePA) program;
- Standardizing and streamlining the prior authorization process for routinely approved services, including establishing a list of services eligible for real-time prior authorization decisions;
- Ensuring prior authorization requests are reviewed by qualified medical personnel; and
- Increasing transparency on MA prior authorization requirements and their use.

The RRC, which served as a lead stakeholder and key negotiator of the legislation, especially appreciates the tireless work of Reps. Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), Ami Bera, MD (D-CA) and Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN) for their efforts leading up to this vote.

We urge the House to vote in favor of this critical legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Tighe at Peggy.Tighe@PowersLaw.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Regulatory Relief Coalition

American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American College of Cardiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Gastroenterological Association
American Osteopathic Association
Association For Clinical Oncology
Congress of Neurological Surgeons
Medical Group Management Association
National Association of Spine Specialists
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography & Interventions

Attachment: List of Endorsing Organizations

cc: Members, House of Representatives

The Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act of 2021 (H.R. 3173/S. 3018)
List of Over 500 Supporting Organizations

National Supporters:

2020 Mom
ACCSES
Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
Accuray, Inc.
AdvaMed
Aimed Alliance
ALK Positive, Inc.
Alliance for Aging Research
Alliance for Headache Disorders Advocacy
Alliance for Patient Access
Alliance of Specialty Medicine
ALS Association
Alzheimer's Association and Alzheimer's Impact Movement
America's Physician Groups
American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Emergency Medicine
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine
American Academy of Neurology
American Academy of Ophthalmology
American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
American Academy of PAs
American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Academy of Sleep Medicine
American Association for Hand Surgery
American Association for Homecare
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
American Association for Physician Leadership
American Association for Psychoanalysis in Clinical Social Work
American Association of Clinical Endocrinology
American Association of Clinical Urologists
American Association of Neurological Surgeons
American Association of Neuromuscular & Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons
American Association on Health and Disability
American Clinical Laboratory Association
American Clinical Neurophysiology Society
American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
American College of Cardiology

American College of Emergency Physicians
American College of Gastroenterology
American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics
American College of Mohs Surgery
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Osteopathic Internists
American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
American College of Physicians
American College of Radiation Oncology
American College of Radiology
American College of Rheumatology
American College of Surgeons
American Counseling Association
American Epilepsy Society
American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
American Gastroenterological Association
American Geriatrics Society
American Glaucoma Society
American Group Psychotherapy Association
American Health Information Management Association
American Hospital Association
American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine
American Medical Association
American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
American Medical Women's Association
American Mental Health Counselors Association
American Nurses Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Optometric Association
American Osteopathic Association
American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology
American Physical Therapy Association
American Psychiatric Association
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
American Psychoanalytic Association
American Psychological Association
American Society for Clinical Pathology
American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy
American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery
American Society for Radiation Oncology
American Society of Anesthesiologists
American Society of Breast Surgeons
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
American Society of Dermatopathology
American Society of Echocardiography
American Society of Hematology
American Society of Neuroradiology
American Society of Nuclear Cardiology

The American Society of Pain and Neuroscience
American Society of Plastic Surgeons
American Society of Retina Specialists
American Society of Transplant Surgeons
American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS)
American Society of Echocardiography
American Therapeutic Recreation Association
American Urogynecologic Society
American Urological Association
American Vein & Lymphatic Society
American Venous Forum
America's Essential Hospitals
Anxiety and Depression Association of America
Arthritis Foundation
Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare
Association for Clinical Oncology
Association of Academic Psychiatrists
Association of Black Cardiologists
Association of Community Cancer Centers
Association of Freestanding Radiation Oncology Centers
Association of Mature American Citizens
Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
Association of Women in Rheumatology
Better Medicare Alliance
Beyond Type 1
Boston Scientific
Brain Injury Association of America
Bridge the Gap - SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation
Bristol Myers Squibb
Cancer Support Community
CancerCare
Case Management Society of America
CHAMP - Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients
Change Healthcare
Child Neurology Society
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Chris CJ Johnson Foundation Inc.
Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation
Chronic Care Policy Alliance
Clinical Social Work Association
Coalition of Long-Term Acute-Care Hospitals
Cohere Health
College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists
Community Liver Alliance
Community Oncology Alliance
Congress of Clinical Rheumatology
Congress of Neurological Surgeons

Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers
Continuum Therapy Partners
Cooley's Anemia Foundation
Cornea Society
Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH)
Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
Diabetes Leadership Council
Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition
Driven To Cure
Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action
Endocrine Society
Epic Systems
Epilepsy Foundation
Eye Bank Association of America
Falling Forward Foundation
Federation of American Hospitals
Ferrell Foundation
Free2Care
Global Alliance for Behavioral Health and Social Justice
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Global Liver Institute
GO2 Foundation for Lung Cancer
The Headache and Migraine Policy Forum
Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society
HealthPRO-Heritage
Hematology/Oncology Pharmacy Association
Hyperemesis Education and Research Foundation
International Essential Tremor Foundation
International Foundation for Autoimmune & Autoinflammatory Arthritis
International OCD Foundation
Johnson & Johnson
Judy Nicholson Kidney Cancer Foundation
KCCure (Kidney Cancer Research Alliance)
The Kennedy Forum
Kidney Cancer Association
KidneyCAN
Lakeshore Foundation
LeadingAge
The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.
Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance
Medical Device Manufacturers Association
Medical Group Management Association
Medical Oncology Association of Southern California
Mental Health America
The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research
Multiple Sclerosis Association of America
NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals

National Alliance of Safety-Net Hospitals
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association for Behavioral Healthcare
National Association for Children's Behavioral Health
National Association for Home Care & Hospice
National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics
National Association for the Support of Long Term Care
National Association of ACOs
National Association of Epilepsy Centers
National Association of Rehab Providers & Agencies
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of Spine Specialists
National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Comprehensive Cancer Network
National Council for Mental Wellbeing
National Disability Rights Network
National Eating Disorders Association
National Federation of Families
National Hispanic Medical Association
National Kidney Foundation
National League for Nursing
National Multiple Sclerosis Society
National Osteoporosis Foundation
National Patient Advocate Foundation
National Register of Health Service Psychologists
NHMH - No Health without Mental Health
Nomi Health
North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society
OCHIN
Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society
Pacific Spine & Pain Society
Partnership for Quality Home Healthcare
Patients Rising
Patients Rising Now
Physician Hospitals of America
Physicians Advocacy Institute
Postpartum Support International
Premier
Private Practice Section (PPS) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
Prostate Network
Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation
R.M.C. Inc.
REDC Consortium
Regulatory Relief Coalition
Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America (RESNA)
Remote Cardiac Services Providers Group

Renal Physicians Association
RetireSafe
SMART Recovery
Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions
Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance
Society for Vascular Surgery
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
Society of Gynecologic Oncology
Society of Hospital Medicine
Society of Interventional Radiology
The Society of Thoracic Surgeons
Spina Bifida Association
Spine Intervention Society
Susan G. Komen
Sterling Vision
Tourette Association of America
Treatment Communities of America
Triage Cancer
VHL Alliance
Vizient
ZERO - The End of Prostate Cancer

State Supporters:

Medical Association of the State of Alabama
Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology
Alabama Association of Health Information Management
Alabama Cancer Congress
Alabama Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Alabama Society for the Rheumatic Diseases
Alaska Chapter, American College of Surgeons
The Arizona Clinical Oncology Society
Arizona Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Arizona Health Information Management Association
Arizona Neurosurgical Society
Arkansas Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Arkansas Medical Society
Arkansas Ophthalmological Society
Arkansas Orthopaedic Society
Arkansas Rheumatology Association
Association of Northern California Oncologists
Brooklyn-Long Island Chapter, American College of Surgeons
California Medical Association
California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
California Association of Neurological Surgeons
Medical Oncology Association of Southern California, Inc.
Centura Health
Colorado Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Colorado Medical Society

Colorado Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
Community Care Network of Kansas
Connecticut Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Connecticut Oncology Association
Connecticut State Medical Society
Medical Society of Delaware
Delaware Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Delaware Society for Clinical Oncology
Medical Society of the District of Columbia
Denali Oncology Group
DHR Health
Eastern Long Island Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Empire State Hematology and Oncology Society
Florida Medical Association
Florida Academy of Family Physicians
Florida Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Florida Health Information Management Association
Florida Neurosurgical Society
Florida Society of Clinical Oncology
The Florida Society of Neurology
Florida Society of Ophthalmology
Medical Association of Georgia
Georgia Neurological Society
Georgia Society of Clinical Oncology
Georgia Society of Ophthalmology
Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons
Guam Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Hawaii Medical Association
Hawaii Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Hawaii Society of Clinical Oncology
Idaho Medical Association
Idaho Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Illinois State Medical Society
Illinois Academy of Family Physicians
Illinois Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Illinois Medical Oncology Society
Illinois State Neurosurgical Society
Indiana State Medical Association
Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology
Indiana Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Indiana Neurological Society
Indiana Oncology Society
Iowa Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Iowa Medical Society
Iowa Oncology Society
Jacksonville Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Kansas Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Kansas Health Information Management Association

Kansas Hospital Association
Kansas Medical Society
Kansas Radiological Society
Kansas Society of Clinical Oncology
Kentucky Medical Association
Kentucky Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
Kentucky Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Kentucky Society of Clinical Oncology
Keystone Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Lake Plains Medical PLLC
Life Sciences Pennsylvania
Louisiana State Medical Society
Louisiana Academy of Family Physicians
Louisiana Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Louisiana Oncology Society
Maine Medical Association
Maine Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Maine Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Maryland Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Maryland/DC Society of Clinical Oncology
Massachusetts Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Massachusetts Health Information Management Association (MaHIMA)
Massachusetts Medical Society
Massachusetts Society of Clinical Oncologists
Massachusetts Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society
Metropolitan Chicago Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Metropolitan Washington DC Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Michigan Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology
Michigan State Medical Society
Midwest Association for Medical Equipment Services & Supplies
MidWest Rheumatology Association
Minnesota Medical Association
Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology
Minnesota Health Information Management Association
Minnesota Society of Clinical Oncology
Minnesota Surgical Society - a Chapter of the ACS, American College of Surgeons
Mississippi State Medical Association
Mississippi Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Mississippi Oncology Society
Missouri State Medical Association
Missouri Academy of Family Physicians
Missouri Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Missouri Oncology Society
Montana Medical Association

Montana Academy of Family Physicians
Montana and Wyoming Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Montana State Oncology Society
MSARS
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Nebraska Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Nebraska Neurological Society
Nebraska Oncology Society
Neurosurgical Society of the Virginias
Nevada State Medical Association
Nevada Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Nevada Health Information Management Association
Nevada Oncology Society
New Hampshire Medical Society
New Hampshire Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Medical Society of New Jersey
New Jersey Academy of Ophthalmology
New Jersey Chapter, American College of Surgeons
New Jersey Health Information Management Association
Medical Oncology Society of New Jersey
New Mexico Chapter, American College of Surgeons
New Mexico Medical Society
New Mexico Society of Clinical Oncology
Medical Society of the State of New York
New York Chapter, American College of Surgeons
New York State Academy of Family Physicians
New York State Neurosurgical Society
New York State Ophthalmological Society
North Carolina Chapter, American College of Surgeons
North Carolina Medical Society
North Carolina Oncology Association
North Carolina Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
North Dakota Medical Association
North Dakota Chapter, American College of Surgeons
North Texas Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Northern California Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Northern New England Clinical Oncology Society
Northwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Ohio State Medical Association
Ohio Academy of Family Physicians
Ohio Association of Rheumatology
Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Ohio Health Information Management Association
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society
Oklahoma State Medical Association
Oklahoma Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Oklahoma Society of Clinical Oncology

Oregon Medical Association
Oregon Academy of Family Physicians
Oregon Academy of Ophthalmology
Oregon Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Oregon Society of Medical Oncology
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology
Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of cardiology
Pennsylvania Medical Society
Pennsylvania Neurosurgical Society
Pennsylvania Rheumatology Society
Pennsylvania Society of Oncology & Hematology
The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
PHIMA
Prodigy Rehabilitation Group, Inc.
PT Northwest
Puerto Rico Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Puerto Rico Hematology and Medical Oncology Association
Rhode Island Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Rhode Island Health Information Management Association
Rhode Island Medical Society
Rhode Island Neurological Society
Rocky Mountain Oncology Society
San Diego Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Society of Utah Medical Oncologists
South Carolina Chapter, American College of Surgeons
South Carolina Oncology Society
South Dakota Academy of Ophthalmology
South Dakota Chapter, American College of Surgeons
South Florida Chapter, American College of Surgeons
South Texas Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Southern California Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Southwest Missouri Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Southwestern Pennsylvania Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Tennessee Medical Association
Tennessee Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Tennessee Oncology Practice Society
Texas Medical Association
Texas Academy of Family Physicians
Texas Hospital Association
Texas Ophthalmological Association
Texas Society of Clinical Oncology
Transitional Care Management
Utah Medical Association
Utah Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Utah Ophthalmology Society
Vermont Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Vermont Medical Society

Medical Society of Virginia
Virginia Association of Hematologist & Oncologist
Virginia Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Virginia Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Washington D.C. Metropolitan Ophthalmological Society
Washington State Medical Association
Washington Academy of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
Washington Academy of Family Physicians
Washington Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Washington State Association of Neurological Surgeons
Washington Rheumatology Alliance
Washington State Medical Oncology Society
West Virginia Chapter, American College of Surgeons
West Virginia Oncology Society
West Virginia Orthopaedic Society
Western New York Chapter, American College of Surgeons
Wisconsin Medical Society
Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology
Wisconsin Association of Hematology & Oncology
Wisconsin Health Information Management Association
Wisconsin Hospital Association
Wisconsin Neurological Society
Wisconsin Rheumatology Association
Wisconsin Surgical Society -- a Chapter of the ACS
The Woman's Group
Wyoming Medical Society
Wyoming State Oncology Society