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Garen Corbett
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California Health Benefits Review Program
MC #3116
Berkeley, CA 94720-3116

Dear Mr. Corbett:

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 127660-127665, we are writing to request that the California Health Benefits Review Program (CHBRP) prepare a report to help the California Legislature understand the ways in which California regulated health care service plans and health insurers are utilizing prior authorization (prospective review) to control and manage covered health care services, treatments, procedures, drugs, devices, durable medical equipment and pharmaceutical products. Specifically, it would be helpful to know:

- How many and what types of items described above are subject to prior authorization, including the 30 health care services for which prior authorization was most frequently requested.
- Trends of approvals, modifications, denials, appeals, overturns, average length of time, etc.
- If there is any evidence of prior authorization delaying or otherwise impacting patient outcomes for any particular conditions.
- Any other information you and your faculty believe would help enhance the Legislature's understanding of this issue such as how prior authorization requests are processed is appreciated.

Recognizing this is not a standard report the Legislature would typically ask CHBRP to prepare we are not specifying a due date but would hope it could be completed by fall of 2023.

Thank you for your ongoing work with the Legislature. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Teri Boughton at (916) 651-4111 and Kristene Mapile at (916) 319-2097.

Sincerely,

Susan Talamantes Eggman
Chair, Senate Committee on Health

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Chair, Assembly Committee on Health