



Marion-Polk County Medical Society

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TO: Senate Committee on Health Care and Human Services

FROM: Marion-Polk County Medical Society

RE: SB 382 and SB 385

On behalf of the Marion-Polk County Medical Society Board of Directors, we encourage your support of SB 382 and SB 385.

Our ultimate goal is to provide the best care possible to our patients. A survey of 2,400 physicians by the American Medical Association in November 2010, found that the process of prior authorization and the associated requirements not only causes frustrations for physicians, but also creates delays that interfere with patient care.

.A uniform, standardized prior authorization form for Oregon providers will not only benefit providers, but ultimately our patients. Patients will be the beneficiary of quicker turnaround times, which decreases the wait time to access and obtain much needed medications, and in many cases, lifesaving medications.

We are making great strides in Oregon to lower the cost of healthcare delivery and to improve the access to care. Please support SB 382 and SB 385 so we can continue making great strides in improving the health of communities.

Sincerely,

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Marion-Polk County Medical Society