



OREGON ACADEMY OF
FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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Senate Health Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: SB 139 Utilization Management

The Oregon Academy of Family Physicians supports SB 139 as it attempts to simplify and standardize prior authorization and step therapy processes in Oregon. SB 139 is a measured step toward that goal, as it does not prevent payers from utilizing these cost containment methods, but rather puts sideboards around their usage.

The Academy believes the changes outlined in this bill will help family physicians provide treatment for their patients with less administrative burden, and without the risk of disruption due to billing.

Respectfully,
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