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Vote No on HB 2678-B

From the Desk of Representative Cedric Hayden

Restore Patient Protections to the Oregon Health Plan

In 2009, the Oregon Health Authority was permitted to require "prior authorization" for medications not listed on the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan list ("non-preferred" drugs), subject to exceptions including the following:

- If, after consultation with the Oregon Health Authority, the prescriber, in the prescriber's professional judgment, determines that the drug is medically appropriate;
- It is a mental health drug;
- The request is for a refill for the treatment of seizures, cancer, HIV or AIDS; or
- It is a drug in a class not yet evaluated for the Practitioner-Managed Prescription Drug Plan (i.e., clinical review of the drug class has not been conducted).

OHA's authority to require prior authorization for non-preferred drugs sunset in 2018. While HB 2678-B restores this authority, **the bill does not restore any of the vital patient protections that previously served as checks and balances on the prior authorization program.**

We, the undersigned, urge opposition to HB 2678-B and **full restoration of the statutory language that was in place prior to the 2018 sunset** – and not simply the OHA's authority to restrict access to medications. Patient access to necessary treatment depends on it.

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