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Testimony in Support of HB3134  
Oregon Legislative Assembly

I am a Physical Therapist in Hillsboro. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3134, which will bring much-needed reform to the prior authorization process in Oregon.

As it stands, prior authorization requirements create unnecessary barriers to timely patient care. Doctors and healthcare providers spend countless hours on paperwork and appeals instead of focusing on their patients. HB3134 offers a commonsense solution: if a provider has a proven track record of responsible prescribing and treatment (with at least 80% of their prior authorization requests being approved), they should be exempt from redundant approvals for at least 12 months.

This bill is a win-win for patients and providers because:

Patients receive faster care. Delays in prior authorization can lead to worsening health conditions and unnecessary suffering.

Healthcare providers can focus on treatment, not paperwork. Physicians and clinics are overwhelmed by administrative burdens, which take time away from patient care.

It reduces inefficiencies in the healthcare system. If an insurer already approves most of a provider's requests, requiring prior authorization for every single case is an unnecessary duplication of effort.

Moreover, HB3134 ensures transparency and accountability by requiring insurers to report prior authorization data to the Department of Consumer and Business Services and the Oregon Health Authority. This allows the public and policymakers to track how these processes impact patient care.

Ultimately, this bill removes obstacles to care without compromising quality or oversight. It is a practical, data-driven reform that prioritizes patients over paperwork. I urge you to support HB3134 to help Oregon patients receive the timely medical care they deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration.