

I am an internist in Manchester Center VT and am writing in support of H.766. In my 39 years of practicing community primary care medicine, my staff and I have been increasingly frustrated with prior authorization requests from insurers.

The administrative burdens of practice including increasing prior authorization requests have become more much more onerous and time. It's become impossible to keep up with prescription plan denials and need for prior authorization. Prior authorization for advanced imaging is a nightmare. Every year in January, plans ask us to switch medication brands. My staff and I spent lengthy periods of time on hold with payors. We are constantly sending out documentation before client payment.

I thank you for your thoughtful work on this bill. Hopefully reducing administrative hurdles will improve recruitment and retention of primary care physicians in Vermont.

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