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Subject: Re: Follow up PA bill discussion

Hi all, in quick follow up, Becky was able to send me draft language shortly after I sent the previous email. I think you've walked the line beautifully between eliminating most PA barriers and giving the state what it needs to be financially solvent.

Also, I want to give you all props for including the pieces about mobile services and OPSs.

I appreciate you and your work!

Andy

On Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 3:55 PM Andrew Seaman <andrew.seaman@betterlifepartners.com> wrote:

Representatives Small and Whitman,

I want to follow up again to express my appreciation for taking the time to meet to discuss prior authorization barriers to OUD treatment in Vermont. I'm sure whatever language you decide on will reflect the most important needs of the folks we serve within the furthest limits of the pragmatic considerations you have on your plate. I'd be thrilled to see early language from legislative counsel once it exists, if you are willing.

As an FYI: since we spoke, my team has spent > 20 hours on prior authorizations and I've had to have 2 separate conversations with the PA servicing organization about routine care issues related to dosing. In contrast to the data you've seen from the state on average PA turnaround times, we've spent > 2 hours on individual PAs on multiple occasions just this week, and the return time is usually measured in days not minutes.

Thanks again for your efforts! I'm looking forward to practicing medicine again.

Best,

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