



August 11, 2023

The Honorable Michael Burgess, MD
U.S. House of Representatives
2161 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Vicente Gonzalez
U.S. House of Representatives
154 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Subject: Support for Gold Card Legislation

Dear Representatives Burgess and Gonzalez:

The Regulatory Relief Coalition (RRC), a coalition of national physician specialty organizations seeking to reduce regulatory burdens that interfere with patient care, is pleased to support H.R. 4968, the *Getting Over Lengthy Delays in Care As Required by Doctors (GOLD CARD) Act of 2023*. As a leading advocate for reforming prior authorization in the Medicare Advantage (MA) program and on behalf of the more than 28 million seniors and the physicians who care for them, the RRC applauds your bipartisan leadership on this commonsense bill that will streamline the prior authorization process for physicians.

The RRC greatly appreciates your commitment to ensuring that MA policies are not a barrier to timely and equitable access to care for the patients our members serve. If enacted, your bill will increase efficiency for physicians and enable patients to receive timely and high-quality care. We understand that the bill would allow physicians with high approval rates to bypass prior authorization requirements imposed by MA plans.

We are pleased that the *GOLD CARD Act* aligns with the *Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (Seniors' Act)*, which would allow MA plans to waive or modify prior authorization requirements when clinicians demonstrate compliance with a plan's procedures. The *Seniors' Act* was incorporated into H.R. 4822, the *Health Care Price Transparency Act of 2023*, advanced by the Ways and Means Committee on July 26. We look forward to working with you to protect patients from unnecessary delays in care by enacting these prior authorization reforms into law.

Again, thank you for introducing this important legislation to reduce regulatory burdens in the MA program to improve care quality for seniors. Please feel free to contact Peggy Tighe at Peggy.Tighe@PowersLaw.com for any assistance.

Sincerely,

RRC Members

American Academy of Dermatology Association
American Academy of Family Physicians

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