

Good morning

My name is Kim Diehl-Boyd. I am the Director of Industry Relations and Government Affairs for CoverMyMeds. I am here along with my colleague Pam Rowan, a CoverMyMeds Clinical Pharmacist.

Chair Hottinger and members of the Senate Insurance Committee, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to be here today to engage in a dialogue regarding Senate Bill 129 – Insurers Prior Authorization Requirements.

CoverMyMeds, headquartered in Ohio, automates prior authorization for any medications and all plans. We integrate with EHR systems to provide hospitals and prescribers with electronic prior authorization functionality at the point of prescribing. We partner with PBMs and Plans to implement electronic prior authorization functionality that reduces administrative waste and expedites the prior authorization process. We integrate with the majority of pharmacy systems helping pharmacists initiate and track prior authorizations with simplicity.

We are supportive of the efforts being undertaken by the Ohio Legislature in adopting legislation through SB 129 that streamlines and automates the prior authorization process for Ohio's beneficiaries. Our experience and expertise in this area has shown that the adoption of standardized electronic prior authorization not only reduces the administrative burden and cost for prescribers but also increases adherence by patient's to their medication therapies thereby reducing other costs to the healthcare system.

We do feel; however, if an insurer is already utilizing an electronic protocol to expedite prior authorizations, they should be able to continue to do so vs. utilizing a form created by the Superintendent

of Insurance. We do support the adoption of the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard as the methodology for electronic prior authorization.

I would like to now turn the floor over to my colleague Pam Rowan who will present additional information on the ePA process and successes that CoverMyMeds and our partners have seen in utilizing streamlined ePA processes.