



**Proponent Written Testimony  
HB 130 – Prior Authorization Gold Card  
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On behalf of the Ohio Dermatological Association (ODA), I write to members of the House Insurance Committee to express our enthusiastic support of House Bill 130, the prior authorization “gold card” legislation. The ODA is a statewide organization comprised of dermatologists and allied health care practitioners who are committed to the mission of improving patient health and quality of life through the practice of dermatology.

The prior authorization process is a tool utilized by health insurers to review the treatment plan and medical decisions that a patient and physician have agreed upon as the best course of treatment for a patient’s health condition. Over time, the process of obtaining prior authorization approval has become more and more burdensome and we have seen many instances of this process leading to delays or denials of medically-necessary and critically important patient care. The modifications made by HB 130 - creating the “gold card” system for providers who consistently obtain approvals for a given device, drug, or service - are healthy, efficient changes to what has become a messy, administrative nightmare for many health care professionals and staff members.

Delays in diagnosis and treatment of health conditions can have serious consequences. Our providers consistently spend excessive, unreasonable amounts of their time dealing with the hassles of obtaining prior authorization – time which, in some cases, could have potentially been better spent doing valuable clinical work directly serving patients in need.

Ohio must do something about the disruption caused to the physician-patient relationship by prior authorization, and ODA believes that HB 130 is a sensible place to make a positive impact on patient care. Streamlining the prior authorization process will remove unnecessary obstacles to patient care and will alleviate some of the administrative stress faced by medical practices across the state.

ODA encourages your support of HB 130. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony and please feel free to reach out to us if you have questions or wish to discuss this issue further.