



## Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists

To: Members of the House Insurance Committee

From: Willa Ebersole, on behalf of the Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists

Date: June 6, 2023

RE: HB 130 Proponent Written only testimony submission

Chair Lampton, Vice Chair Barhorst, Ranking Member Miranda and Members of the House Insurance Committee: Thank you for allowing the Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists (OSA) to submit written testimony in support of HB 130, which would create a “gold card” level where providers who consistently adhere to evidence-based medicine are granted this special status for 12 months for select services.

By allowing this select level, patients will get the services and medicines they need faster and not risk having to wait for treatment.

A “gold card” refers to a health care provider earning their way out of the prior authorization requirements by demonstrating a high prior authorization success rate. The bill will do the following:

- Health care providers who see prior authorizations for a given service approved at an 80% rate would earn their gold card status for that select service. Once a health care provider has been granted gold card status, they would not need to request prior authorization for a twelve month time period for select services they have been granted gold card status for.
- Gold card status would be eligible for Ohio commercial regulated health plans, Ohio public employee plans and Ohio Medicaid plans.
- Gold card exemptions would only apply to medically necessary services. Health plans can still apply administrative denials.
- Each year, insurers would be able to reevaluate gold card-holding health care providers over the previous year with a retrospective review of certain claims.
- Appropriate data sharing from the health plans would ensure plans are not arbitrarily denying prior authorizations in an attempt to keep a provider from hitting the 80% approval rate.

Thank you for your time and we respectfully ask for your support of HB 130. Please contact me if you have any questions.