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**HB 130 Testimony
Submitted Electronically
Ohio House Insurance Committee**

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Chair Lampton
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Members of the House Insurance Committee:

The Columbus Medical Association supports the need to improve the prior authorization process for physicians and their patients. House Bill 130 would be a positive change for Ohio patients, and the CMA urges the House Insurance Committee to pass this legislation.

For a large percentage of patients, HB 130 would improve the timeframe, and associated expenses, to get needed medical treatments. CMA physicians report that deferring treatment for patients, due to the approval times for authorization, are contributing to delayed care that has a negative impact on patients' health outcomes.

Poorer health outcomes and increased expenses are both very good reasons to try to improve this administrative process that is so commonly associated with basic healthcare in Ohio.

HB 130 establishes a common sense threshold of an 80% approval rate over a 12 month period to exempt future medical orders from prior authorizations for those same treatments, medications, or devices. There is great logic to the idea that a pattern of appropriate behavior should be recognized in the future provision of these same services.

Should any member of the Insurance Committee be interested in speaking with physicians to hear detailed examples of the negative health outcomes and increased costs that are associated with the current prior approval process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration of support for HB 130.

Sincerely,

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