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Statement of the Ohio State Medical Association to the House Insurance Committee

Proponent Testimony

HB 130 – Prior Authorization Gold Card

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Thank you, Chair Lampton, Vice Chair Barhorst, Ranking Member Miranda and members of the House Insurance Committee for the opportunity to testify today regarding House Bill 130. My name is Brian Schroer MD and I am here to testify in writing in strong support of this legislation on behalf of the members of the Ohio Allergy and Immunology Society. OAIS supports the efforts and goals of HB 130 and we support its passage through the legislative process.

Our members are physicians and clinicians in the state of Ohio who work in various settings including single member or multi member private practices, hospital systems and academic institutions.

We recognize the need for insurance companies to be able to deny medical coverage for care that is not necessary.

At the same time, mechanisms to evaluate the necessity of medical care have created unnecessary burdens on healthcare physicians, clinicians, systems and ultimately on patients.

The administrative burden that routine or frequent prior authorizations require lead to delayed care, and higher costs to the clinicians providing that care, with no clear benefit to the patients.

Currently, countless hours are spent by medically trained professionals trying to send paperwork to insurance companies, often proving what everyone knows from the start, that doctors and advanced clinicians know how to treat their patients. The current

burden on clinicians to automatically prove that they know how to treat an individual patient is unsustainable and wasteful. Clinicians who have proven that they do not order superfluous tests and treatments should be able to treat their patients in a timely manner without the need for unnecessary paperwork.

The members of the Ohio Allergy and Immunology Society support HB 130 in the effort to create a system where clinicians who have proven they know how to take care of patients, and are not ordering unnecessary testing or therapies, can do so with less administrative burden.

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On Behalf of OAIS Leadership and Members.