

CUT THE RED TAPE:

Patient Care Can't Wait

House Bill 130: Prior Authorization Gold Card

- ▶ House Bill 130 was introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives in March 2023. The bill aims to ease prior authorization burdens and create a *Gold Card Program* for Ohio healthcare providers.



“As physicians, we know prior authorization impacts the way we practice medicine, and our patients, every day. It is frequently cited as a cause of delay and roadblocks to critical treatment and care.”

Dr. Brian Santin
OSMA Past President, Chief Medical Officer at Clinton Memorial Hospital and a Vascular Surgeon with Ohio Vein & Vascular, Inc.

Why does this matter?

ENSURE PATIENTS GET THE CARE THEY NEED

90% of physicians say prior authorization has somewhat or significant negative impact on patients' clinical outcomes.

SAVE STAFF TIME

An average of 14 hours per week is spent by physicians and staff on prior authorization paperwork.

ALLEVIATE PHYSICIAN STRESS & BURNOUT

Physicians cite too many administrative tasks as a main reason for job burnout.

REDUCE FINANCIAL BURDENS

Millions of dollars in administrative costs are caused by prior authorization burdens for healthcare practices.

Statistics Source: American Medical Association, Healthcare Financial Management Association

What will the legislation do?

HB 130 will establish an exemption to prior authorization requirements and create a system that rewards healthcare providers who consistently receive a prior authorization approval rate of 80% or more for a specific service, device or drug in the prior 12-month period. These providers will receive a **Gold Card**, which exempts them from the burden of prior authorization for that specific service, device, or drug.

How YOU can help:

To help make Gold Card Prior Authorization a reality in Ohio, OSMA is looking for physicians and practice managers to support our advocacy team and the more than 30 healthcare groups who have signed on as coalition supporters for HB 130.

1. Provide firsthand experience about the impact of prior authorization to use in communication materials.
2. Attend meetings with members of the General Assembly and OSMA's advocacy team.
3. Provide testimony at bill hearings and help inform solutions.

OSMA will be sharing resources throughout the legislative process for supporters to contact local legislators, engage members, and show evidence for why this issue is so important for physicians, the healthcare community, and ultimately patients.



Get involved in this important advocacy effort.

To join our coalition, visit [OSMA.org/insurance-reform](https://osma.org/insurance-reform)

Or, contact OSMA's legislative team:

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