

May 31, 2019

The Honorable Greg Abbott

Re: Support for SB 1742

Dear Governor Abbott:

I am writing on behalf of the Texas Orthopaedic Association (TOA) to ask for your signature on SB 1742. TOA is a volunteer organization of over 1,400 Texas orthopaedic surgeons that was founded in 1936 to ensure outstanding musculoskeletal care for Texans.

TOA strongly supports the prior authorization and utilization review provisions that are found in SB 1742. Orthopaedic surgeons often cite unclear prior authorizations as one of the greatest impediments to care that their patients face. The prior authorization provision in SB 1742 would simply direct commercial health insurance plans to make transparent the standards that are necessary to navigate the network adequacy process. By providing this tool, commercial health plans will help patients navigate the system and receive necessary care in a timely manner.

Thank you in advance for considering this important legislation. TOA's executive director, Bobby Hillert, can be reached at 214.728.7672 or Bobby@toa.org.

Sincerely,



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