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AUSTIN

100%

All 31 of the Texas State Senators voted to pass prior authorization reform (HB 3549) in the 2021 Texas Legislature.

WASHINGTON

40%

Approximately 40 percent of the Texas Congressional Delegation signed a letter (October 2021) urging Congressional leadership to stop Medicare's 10 percent payment cuts, which are scheduled for January 2022.

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PRIOR AUTHORIZATION: LEGISLATIVE REFORMS ARE NECESSARY

ACTUAL DENIALS

1%

AOG Orthopaedics' prior authorization data from the 2020 calendar year which included 30,000 order sets related to orthopaedic surgery, aging and procedures – resulted in a 97-percent approval rate of rvices that were never denied at any point in the authorization process.

AOG Orthopaedics' team determined that an additional 2 percent were timately approved after re-examining the denials. As a result, less than 1 rcent of the 30,000 services were completely denied.

PRIOR AUTHORIZATION:

Ensure that unnecessary prior authorization hurdles do not stand in between patients and their physicians.

THE BURDEN

5 INTERACTIONS

Despite the relatively low peer-to-peer and denial rates across these or sets, TSAOG Orthopaedics' team still has to create the infrastructure to document and track all of the order sets, on the off chance that only between one to three out of 100 will ever escalate in a significant mann

It's not just the cost of fighting denials, which requires an average of fiv interactions for each order, it's the required data provenance that contributes to the overall waste of the vast majority of prior authorizations.

1 WEEK OR MORE

1 IN 5 PATIENTS

For nearly 1 in 5 patients who sought an orthopaedic procedure or surgery through TSAOG Orthopaedics in 2020, insurance requests for additional clinical data routinely delayed a healthcare decision by one week or more.*

Source: Seventeen percent of procedure and surgical authorizations at TSAOG Orthopaedics in 2020 received requests for additional clinical data. The median time to authorization decision was 0.8 days for authorizations without clinical requests, vs. 7.8 days for authorizations where clinical data was requested.

The data are based on TSAOG Orthopaedics' 30,003 prior authorization requests in the San Antonio area during the 2020 calendar year.