

SB 12 w/ SA 1 is Signed. What will the bill do?

- [SB 12 w/ SA 1: Bill Detail](#) (Bill has passed both houses on June 25, 2025)
- Establish quick response times for requests submitted electronically with notification given within 72 hours for non-urgent care and 24 hours for urgent health-care services,
- Adverse determinations should be made by a physician of a same or similar specialty as the treating physician/ practitioner
- Expanded access for peer-to-peer consults regarding denials to meet needs of urgent, hospital, and emergency care physicians and practitioners
- By January 1, 2027, insurers, health-benefit plans, health-service corporations, and utilization review entities must accept and respond to electronic pre-authorization requests through the same platform as the electronic request was submitted.
- Extend the period that a pre-authorization is valid from 60 days to 90 days.

Prior Authorization Resources

- The American Medical Association provides a central hub for physicians looking for information on prior authorization reform
- The [AMA website](#) offers tools such as:
 - [Model bill legislation](#)
 - [State bill chart](#)
 - [2024 Physician survey](#)
- The American Hospital Association incorporate prior authorization reform in several aspects of its [2025 Advocacy Agenda](#)
- Prior Authorization is the #1 administrative challenge identified by physicians. MSD launched a survey to capture Delaware data on the challenges, opportunities, and impacts of prior authorization. It is based on the American Medical Association (AMA) Annual Prior Authorization Survey.

Thank you Stakeholders Who "SIGNED-ON"

- Several states have built coalitions of stakeholders to encourage legislators to pass critical prior authorization legislation including [Pennsylvania](#), [Colorado](#), [Michigan](#), and [Illinois](#)
- We thank all the stakeholders who have joined MSD in the fight to improve prior authorization:
 - Delaware Healthcare Association
 - Delaware Society of Orthopaedic Surgeon
 - Delaware Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics
 - Nearly 50 Organizations Advocate for Pre-Authorization Reform: [Press Release](#)
 - Joint Pre-Authorization [Reform Letter](#)

Contact External Affairs and Development Officer

- Lisa Gruss at lisa.gruss@medsocdel.org
 - Reaching out to your legislators or learning more about our advocacy committees
 - Sharing physician, practitioner, and patient stories
 - Submitting data to MSD on prior authorizations (time spend, % approvals vs % denials, peer-to-peer consults, etc.)
 - Learning more about advocacy or physicians in Leg Hall

Advocacy

MSD's Political Advocacy is a multi-faceted program intended to:

- Represent, promote and defend the interests of physicians and their patients in the halls of government;
 - Educate and advise lawmakers and officials on medical issues that affect our community;
 - Establish relationships with and evaluate elected officials; and
 - Provide members the tools they need to stay current on the laws and regulations that affect their practices and to make informed decisions in the ballot booth.
- [AMA Health Care Advocacy](#)

The [MSD Advocacy 101 deck](#) is a great way to learn more about engaging your practice in advocacy. For more information, on MSD's advocacy initiatives, contact Lisa Gruss at lisa.gruss@medsocdel.org. [Advocacy 101 for Physicians](#).