**Support Prior Authorization Legislation**

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

I am an allergist/immunologist living and practicing in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. My patients suffer from allergies, asthma and/or their systems are immunocompromised.

On behalf of my patients, I urge you to co-sponsor H.R. 3173 – Improving Seniors’ Timely Access to Care Act. This important legislation was recently reintroduced by Reps. Suzan DelBene (E-WA), Mike Kelly (R-PA), Ami Bera, MD (D-CA) and Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN) in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bipartisan legislation would protect patients from unnecessary delays in care by streamlining and standardizing prior authorization under Medicare Advantage plans, providing much-needed oversight and transparency of health insurance for American’s seniors. Prior authorization burdens can have negative and unintended consequences for patient’s health and are frequently significant administrative burdens for physicians.

The bill will increase transparency and streamline the prior authorization process for Medicare Advantage (MA) plans by requiring MA plans:

* To support electronic prior authorizations;
* To make real-time prior authorization decisions; and
* To make specific information available, i.e., a list of all applicable items and services subject to prior authorization requirements and the percentage of prior authorization requests approved.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated. I look forward to hearing back from you about this important issue for my patients dealing with allergies, asthma or other conditions that can compromise their immune system.

Sincerely,

Name  
Address  
Contact info