

**SENATE . . . . . No. 706**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Cronin***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

**An Act streamlining the prior authorization process.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John J. Cronin*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Cronin, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 706) of John J. Cronin for legislation to streamline the prior authorization process for covered health care services. Financial Services.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act streamlining the prior authorization process.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, the commissioner of  
2 insurance shall develop a list of services that are appropriate for real-time automated approvals  
3 of prior authorization requests of covered services when the clinical information submitted  
4 electronically by a provider clearly establishes that the patient meets the medical necessity  
5 criteria for the requested service. In developing the list, the commissioner shall seek input from  
6 the Massachusetts Collaborative and other interested stakeholders, and focus on services with  
7 high prior authorization approval rates and clearly established clinical treatment protocols. The  
8 division of insurance shall publish the list on its website not later than January 1, 2027. Carriers  
9 that require prior authorization for services on the published list shall implement an automated  
10 process for the real-time approval of covered services that clearly meet medical necessity criteria  
11 not later than January 1, 2028.