

SENATE No.

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:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Middlesex

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

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.