



October 16, 2026

The Honorable Herb Conaway, M.D.
1022 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Greg Murphy, M.D.
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: MGMA Letter of Support for the Protecting Patients from Automated Denials Act (H.R. 9734)

Dear Representatives Conaway and Murphy:

The Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) thanks you for supporting medical groups' ability to offer high-quality, cost-effective care and for introducing the Protecting Patients from Automated Denials Act (H.R. 9734). With a membership of more than 60,000 medical practice administrators, executives, and leaders, MGMA represents more than 15,000 medical group practices ranging from small private medical practices to large national health systems, representing more than 350,000 physicians. We are pleased to support this bipartisan legislation to ensure that Medicare Advantage plans' prior authorization denials based on artificial intelligence (AI) are reviewed and approved by a qualified physician in the relevant specialty before they are issued.

At MGMA's recent annual conference, we discussed this legislation with our members and heard concerns that health plans' use of AI tools can contribute to rapid, high-volume denials of prior authorization requests, adding administrative burden and delaying patient care. AI holds real promise for health care, but it should support clinical judgment, not replace it. We also support the bill's transparency provisions, which would require Medicare Advantage plans to disclose AI use in a prior authorization denial.

MGMA looks forward to working with your offices to advance this legislation. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Meklir, Associate Director of Government Affairs, at smeklir@mgma.org or 202-293-3450.

Sincerely,

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