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Subject: Public Comment: Health Insurance Rate Review

A public comment has been received.

Name: Jessi J.

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Topic:Health Insurance Rate Review

Comment: I just listened to VPRs story on how the PA bill was passed. I'd like to call the GMCBs attention to the data that shows 90% of Prior Auths are ultimately approved. If the overwhelming majority of PAs are approved, why are the insurers trying to charge an additional 6% (per the VPR story) in premiums to account for this loss of control? Furthermore, wouldn't the insurers be saving money in the form of administrative expense for not having to review (and subsequently approve) PAs? It doesn't add up and I'd like to see the GMCB push back on the rate increases Insurers are asking for due to the passage of this bill.

Post Comment: Yes