SB 73 Electronic Prior Authorization

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TIME & COST SAVINGS

- Real time, end-to-end electronic prior authorizations
- Eliminates hand-written paperwork and time-consuming calls and faxes

5 Hours/Week
Pharmacies spend on average 5 hours/week on PA requests

20 Hours/Week
Prescribers indicate that their staff currently spends up to 20 hours/week on PA requests

80% Time Reduction
Implementation of ePA reduces the time spent on each PA request from as many as 15 to 20 minutes to as few as 3 to 5 minutes

What Is ePA?
Electronic Prior Authorization (ePA) is the electronic transmission of information between the prescriber, and payer to determine whether or not the PA is granted

Why is ePA beneficial?
ePA streamlines the patient's ability to obtain needed medications and provides an effective line of communication between providers and health plans

Shift towards Electronic Prior Authorizations

- 4% Up to 4% of Prescriptions Require a Prior Authorization. Completing these requests cost between $2,000 - $14,000 per physician per year.
- Nearly 70% of Patients Encountering paper-based PA requests do not receive the original prescription
- 91% Of Physicians Describe Prior Authorizations as Primitive, Time-Consuming, Expensive, and Frustrating.
- Over 80% of Pharmacies & Payers Are committed to implementing ePA
SB 73 Permits efficiency for all stakeholders involved in the Prior Authorization process by requiring health plans to accept and respond to electronic prior authorization requests according to a national electronic transaction standard.

Four States Have Addressed ePA in Legislation in the Last Year

- Ohio SB 136 reformed to SB 129 (Prior Authorization Reform Act)
- Ohio signed Senate Bill 129 into law in June 2016
- Adopts the NCPDP SCRIPT Standard as the methodology for processing prescription prior authorizations
- Requires health plans to provide faster responses to medical and prescription coverage decisions
- Mandates health plans to respond within 48 hours for urgent care or 10 days for non-urgent requests

The Impact of ePA