



DATE: September 29, 2023
TO: Joyce Brake, Rules Coordinator, Office of the Insurance Commissioner
FROM: Zach Correia, Government Relations Analyst
SUBJECT: Prepublication Draft for Revising the Prior Authorization Process

Dear Joyce Brake,

I am writing on behalf of MultiCare Health System regarding the Office of the Insurance Commissioner's prepublication draft changes to the rules for the prior authorization process under WAC 284-43-2050. The Office of the Insurance Commissioner must amend the rules covering prior authorization to align with the requirements set out in HB 1357 (2023). MultiCare supports the prepublication draft language and believe it implements HB 1357 correctly.

Modernizing the prior authorization process and setting standards for determinations will ensure patients receive quality care in a timely manner. We encourage use of the prepublication draft as the proposed rule and support its incorporation into the Washington Administrative Code.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this preproposal draft. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Zach Correia, Government Relations Analyst at Zachary.correia@multicare.org

Sincerely,
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