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Massachusetts health plans support efforts to streamline prior authorization and improve the experience for patients and providers, while preserving important safeguards that help ensure care is evidence-based, clinically appropriate, and affordable. Prior authorization remains an important tool to protect patients, promote quality, and help manage rising health care costs at a time when affordability is the number one concern for Massachusetts families and employers.

MAHP member plans are all in on finding solutions to the Commonwealth's affordability crisis and have invested heavily in automation, electronic prior authorization, and standardized processes that reduce burden and improve access to care. But administrative reforms alone will not lower premiums or make health care more affordable. Those efforts must be paired with meaningful action to address the underlying drivers of cost growth — including rising hospital prices, outpatient facility costs, and prescription drug spending.

As these regulations move forward, it will be critical to maintain the tools and flexibility needed to support patient safety, respond to changing utilization patterns, and protect affordability for consumers and employers alike.

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