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Prior Authorization Hurts Patients

Prior authorization is the process that your doctor uses to ask for permission to treat you. If approved, the health plan pays. If not approved, you'll have to pay the bill if the health plan lets your doctor accept your payment.

Doctors in a survey say prior authorization harms patients. The process negatively affects health outcomes. It delays access to care and causes many patients to discontinue a recommended treatment plan. Nearly all physician practices wait at least one day for the health plan's decision, and spend about 15 hours per week of staff time completing prior authorization paperwork.

But doctors in The Wedge of Health Freedom make their own decisions. Find one at JointheWedge.com.

“Docs Say Prior Authorizations Harm Clinical Outcomes,” Meg Bryant, Healthcare Dive, February 6, 2019: <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/docs-say-prior-authorizations-harm-clinical-outcomes/547762/>

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