Kiss Extra Paperwork Goodbye as Prior Auth Bills Become Law

Yesterday, **Gov. Rick Snyder** signed Senate Bills 178 and 179 into law, which create a universal prior authorization form for prescription drugs. The bills, championed by MSMS, state Sen. **Tonya Schuitmaker** (R-Lawton) and state Rep. **Gail Haines** (R-Waterford), were born in response to calls from Michigan physicians to improve patients’ access to the best care.

“Michigan physicians and their staffs want to be in the exam room with patients, not chained to their desks sorting through hundreds of different versions of the same basic form,” said MSMS President **Kenneth Elmassian, DO**, an Ingham County anesthesiologist, in a statement released yesterday. “Governor Snyder and lawmakers today sent a clear message to families across the state that when it comes to health care, patients come first.”

**MSMS Works to Prevent Spread of STDs**

This week, MSMS joined with several other health organizations and state lawmakers at a news conference to support a bill that would promote expedited partner therapy (EPT), which is the practice of treating the sex partners of persons with the sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) chlamydia and gonorrhea without an intervening medical evaluation.

**Rep. George Darany** (D-Dearborn), Minority Vice Chair, House Health Policy Committee, reintroduced **HB 4736** from last year at the urging of many public health physicians in Michigan. Health Policy Committee Chair **Rep. Gail Haines** (R-Waterford Twp.) also supports the measure.
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