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U.S. House of Representatives
The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

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RE: Please Cosponsor Legislation to Block AI-Driven Prior Authorization in Medicare

Dear Members of Congress,

I write as a member of All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena to urge you to cosponsor the Seniors Deserve SMARTER Care Act (H.R. 5940/S. 3480), which would prohibit the implementation of the Wasteful and Inappropriate Services Reduction (WISeR) model under traditional Medicare.

The WISeR model is currently being piloted in six states, in which private companies use artificial intelligence to approve or deny care that doctors have already recommended, and those companies are compensated based on a share of the costs of the care they deny. According to a 2024 American Medical Association survey, nearly 30% of physicians report that prior authorization has led to a serious adverse event for a patient in their care. Furthermore, more than 60% of physicians are concerned that AI will increase denial rates further.

This program was implemented without any opportunity for public comment, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has already indicated it may expand to additional states and service categories. What has begun as a six-state pilot covering select medical procedures could eventually reach all Medicare beneficiaries and benefits. That potential for expansion into California and other states poses real risk to patients.

No one should have to navigate AI-driven prior authorization—administered by companies with a financial incentive to deny care—to access treatment their doctors have deemed medically necessary. The Seniors Deserve SMARTER Care Act would protect traditional Medicare patients from AI-driven care denials. I urge you to cosponsor this legislation.

Sincerely,

(Print Name & Address) _____

