

HHSS Committee Follow Up from Premera on 3.26.24

Here is Rep. Mina's question and Mr. Strannigan's response during the hearing:

[00:31:33.470] - Mina

Thank you, Mister chair. Through the chair. I have a couple questions for Mister Strangen, and some of these might be repetitive throughout the committee, but I'm just curious, for every insurance company's experience, what percentage of the claims that you receive require prior authorization? And out of that, what percentage get denied?

[00:31:57.970] - Gary Stranigan

Yeah, through the chair. When you asked those two questions of Mister Loudon, I wrote them down because they're good questions and I don't know the answers to them. **So I'd like to take the opportunity and try and retrieve those answers and get them to the committee.**

Here is Mr. Strannigan's response to the question above:

The questions were:

1. What is the percentage of claims that you receive that require Prior Authorization? A: 2.4%
2. What is the percentage of claims denied by Prior Authorization? A: 18.3%
3. What is the percentage of those denials that are overturned on appeal? A: 10.8%
4. What is the final denial rate: A: 16.3%

This information is not aligned with much of the testimony from the proponents of a gold-carding bill in Alaska.