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### **A message from PAFP President Tiffany Leonard, MD**

Today, the Pennsylvania Senate Banking and Insurance Committee took an unprecedented step by advancing important prior authorization and step therapy reform legislation. With unanimous support from committee members, [Senate Bill 225](#) would bring consistency and transparency to health insurers' prior authorization and step therapy processes.

The bill seeks to establish consistent turnaround times for prior authorization decisions, provide access to efficient electronic prior authorization systems, and establish a framework for exempting patients from step therapy protocols, among other reforms.

Prior authorization reform remains the PAFP's top legislative priority. While there is still much work to be done to advance S.B. 225 through the legislative process, today's committee vote represents a huge step forward on this issue.

I would like to thank committee chairman Sen. John DiSanto and bill sponsor Sen. Kristin Phillips-Hill for their leadership on this issue. Should you have any questions, please contact [Jennifer Reis](#), PAFP Chief Government Affairs Officer.

Thank you, as always, for your work on behalf of the PAFP and your patients.