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Resolution

Opposing AI in Medicare Decisions

Whereas Medicare insures more than 68 million Americans, including 61 million people over the age of 65 and more than seven million with disabilities; and

Whereas the Trump Administration began a Medicare Pre-Authorization pilot program called the “WISeR Model,” that begin in January 2026 in Arizona, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington, and is designed to replace patients’ and doctors’ medical determinations with an Artificial Intelligence (AI) prior authorization process managed by for-profit corporations; and

Whereas the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will pay these AI corporations a fee based on the number of medical procedures denied; the more “procedures averted,” the higher the fee, creating a financial incentive to deny prior authorization requests and increasing the risk that cost-cutting will come at the expense of Medicare patients’ access to necessary care; and

Whereas Traditional Medicare has historically required little prior authorization, and beneficiaries in Parts A and B can see specialists, visit hospitals, and receive care, even out of state, without Medicare's permission, unlike patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage plans; and

Whereas the prior authorization review in the Medicare Advantage program has been severely criticized for causing delays or denials of necessary health care for older Americans enrolled in these plans, and the Alliance is extremely concerned that the WISeR program will similarly result in lower benefits, delayed or denied care, and could lead to benefit cuts and delays for all Medicare beneficiaries, while enriching corporations with a vested interest in denying care; and

Whereas there are currently two bills in Congress that the Alliance strongly supports that would block the implementation of the WISeR pilot program: H.R. 5940/S. 3480, introduced by Rep. DeBene (WA) and Sen. Murray (WA), the Seniors Deserve SMARTER Care Act, which prohibits HHS from implementing the WISeR pilot program or any similar model that introduces AI-assisted prior authorization requirements into Traditional Medicare; and

Whereas a second bill, H.R. 6361, introduced by Rep. Landsman (OH), the Ban AI Denials in Medicare Act,

prohibits HHS from testing or using AI models that delay or deny Medicare procedures in Traditional Medicare;
and

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance categorically opposes the WISeR Medicare Pilot, will work to repeal it, and urges swift passage of the Seniors Deserve SMARTER Care Act and the Ban AI Denials in Medicare Act.