



March 26, 2024

The Honorable Mia Bonta
Chairwoman, Assembly Health Committee
1020 N. Street, Suite 390
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 3260 (Pellerin) Health care coverage: reviews and grievances – Co-Sponsor

Dear Chairwoman Bonta,

The California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP) is proud to support and co-sponsor AB 3260, which would prohibit health plans and disability insurers from overriding urgency determinations made by health care providers and delaying their responses to consumers' urgent claims and grievances as a result.

Health plans do not consistently decide or provide proper notice of their decisions concerning claims, such as prior authorization based on medical necessity and/or access to care and grievances within the time and manner specified by law, leading consumers to bear the financial cost of prescribed care while waiting for their health plans to respond—or to forgo treatment altogether.

CSAP is proud to co-sponsor AB 3260 because it would ensure that patients have timely access to the care they need and deserve. Ultimately, AB 3260 will improve transparency and provide due process for consumers filing regulatory complaints concerning denied health care services, coverage disputes, and access to care.

For these reasons, CSAP is pleased to support and co-sponsor AB 3260 and respectfully requests your aye vote on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Yoder', is placed below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Paul Yoder
Legislative Advocate

CC: Members, Assembly Health Committee
The Honorable Assemblymember Gail Pellerin