

Congress of the United States
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Small Business
2361 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6515

NOTICE OF HEARING

September 11, 2019

11:30 A.M., 2360 Rayburn House Office Building

TO: Members, Committee on Small Business

FROM: Nydia Velázquez, Chairwoman

DATE: Wednesday, September 4, 2019

The Committee on Small Business will meet for a hearing titled, “Utilization Management: Barriers to Care and Burdens on Small Medical Practice.” The hearing is scheduled to begin at **11:30 A.M. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.**

Health care providers want nothing more than to provide their patients the highest quality and most clinically appropriate care. However, due to utilization management programs such as prior authorization and step therapy, doctors are forced to spend their time working with insurance companies and pharmacy benefit managers instead of treating patients. While cost saving efforts are critical to the nation’s health system, such programs are affecting the quality of care and proving burdensome to many small medical practices. The hearing will examine how the programs work and how they are impacting small medical practitioners in a variety of settings.

A staff briefing will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, September 9, 2019 in Room 2360 of the Rayburn House Office Building.

If you or your staff have questions, please contact Matthew Bowman, Professional Staff Member for the Committee, at 202-225-4038.