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President

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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.
Chairperson, House Corporations Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Support H.8310 – Healthcare Provider Credentialing

Dear Chairperson Solomon,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, we write in support of H.8310.

Timely provider credentialing is essential to ensuring patients can access care when and where they need it. Delays in the credentialing process can prevent qualified providers from delivering services, limit network participation, and create unnecessary barriers for patients seeking care. H.8310 takes a practical approach to addressing these challenges.

This legislation strengthens existing law by establishing more efficient and predictable timelines for credentialing decisions, reducing administrative delays, and improving transparency throughout the process. By requiring faster determinations, clearer communication, and accountability when timelines are not met—including provisional credentialing and retroactive reimbursement—it helps ensure that providers can begin serving patients without unnecessary disruption.

Importantly, these improvements benefit not only providers, but also patients. When credentialing processes work efficiently, patients experience fewer delays in accessing care, greater continuity with their providers, and stronger network adequacy overall.

HARI appreciates the General Assembly's continued focus on improving access to care and reducing administrative barriers within the healthcare system. We respectfully urge the Committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in strengthening Rhode Island's healthcare

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso".

Lisa P. Tomasso
Senior Vice President