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President

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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan  
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Support H.8367

Dear Chairperson Donovan,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, I am writing to express strong support for H.8367, relating to post-acute care prior authorization. Hospitals are responsible for ensuring patients are safely discharged to the most appropriate level of care. Delays in securing post-acute placements—often driven by prior authorization requirements—can prolong hospital stays, create unnecessary bottlenecks, and limit access for other patients in need of acute care services.

H.8365 takes a targeted approach by requiring coverage of post-acute care services for a minimum of seven days without prior authorization, while still allowing insurers to initiate utilization review after that period. This balanced framework supports timely care transitions, reduces administrative barriers, and maintains appropriate oversight.

Importantly, the legislation recognizes the role of the treating providers and care team in determining medical necessity and ensures that decisions are grounded in the patient's clinical needs at the point of discharge.

Improving access to post-acute care is a critical component of strengthening patient flow across the healthcare system. Policies like H.8367 help ensure patients receive the right care, in the right setting, at the right time—while supporting more efficient use of hospital capacity.

We appreciate this committee's continued focus on improving access to care and reducing unnecessary administrative burdens, and we respectfully urge passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso", written over a thin horizontal line.

Lisa P. Tomasso  
Senior Vice President