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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.8327 – Primary Care Administrative Fairness Act**

Dear Chairperson Donovan,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, I write to express our support for H.8327, the Primary Care Administrative Fairness Act.

Hospitals and health systems rely on strong, well-functioning primary care networks to ensure patients receive timely, coordinated care. However, primary care practices are increasingly burdened by administrative requirements that divert time and resources away from patient care. This legislation takes an important step toward addressing those challenges by establishing clearer expectations for payer responsibilities and promoting a more balanced, sustainable care delivery system.

H.8327 recognizes that many essential coordination activities—such as facilitating referrals, communicating across providers, and managing documentation—are critical components of patient care. When these activities go uncompensated, they place strain on primary care practices and, by extension, the broader healthcare system. By requiring that these services either be supported or appropriately reimbursed, the bill helps ensure that providers can continue to meet patient needs efficiently and effectively.

The bill also promotes greater consistency and predictability in coverage decisions, particularly with respect to laboratory services and coding practices. Reducing unnecessary administrative rework and avoiding denials based solely on technical coding differences will help streamline care delivery, reduce delays, and improve the experience for both patients and providers.

At a time when Rhode Island's healthcare system remains financially fragile, policies that reduce administrative burden and support frontline providers are essential.

We appreciate your consideration and your continued partnership in supporting a stable, accessible, and patient-centered healthcare system in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa P. Tomasso  
Senior Vice President