

Dear ENT Advocacy Network Member:

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## **Prior Authorization Reform Bill Gains Momentum on Capitol Hill**

On May 24, the [H.R. 3173](#) reached 296 bipartisan cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives. H.R. 3173, which would streamline and reform the prior authorization process in the Medicare Advantage program, is now eligible to be considered on the House floor sometime in July of this year. Academy Advocacy staff have been actively engaged with committee leadership to advance this legislation and will continue working to get this critical legislation passed into law this Congress.

## **AAO-HNS Joins Campaign Supporting FDA Plan to Ban Sale of Menthol-Flavored Cigarettes**

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently released a proposed rule that would prohibit the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars, a policy change that the AAO-HNS has long supported. The AAO-HNS joined a coalition, spearheaded by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, running print ads supporting the proposed rule and educating the public on the dangers of menthol tobacco products.

## **AAO-HNS Responds to Physician Assistant Challenge in New York**

On May 19, 2022, the Academy sent a [letter of opposition](#) to the members of the NY Senate Higher Education Committee, regarding S. 9233. This proposed legislation would allow physician assistants (PAs) to perform medical services without the supervision of a physician.

