

Table 2. Associations between Practice Characteristics and Perceived Burdens for PA and Provider Prescribing Behaviors

Structural Path Coefficient						
Measure	Prescribe Different Medication		Avoid Newer Medication		Modify Diagnosis	
Statistics	β	95% CI	β	95% CI	β	95% CI
Perceived Practice Burden Risk Index	0.07*	0.011 – 0.129	-0.04	-0.101 – 0.019	0.13***	0.069 – 0.190
Step Therapy Requirements	0.22***	0.166 – 0.279	0.24***	0.188 – 0.302	0.11***	0.054 – 0.173
Patient Load	0.08**	0.028 – 0.137	0.04	-0.013 – 0.098	0.06 ^m	-0.001 – 0.112
Health Plan Requirements	0.11**	0.040 – 0.188	0.15***	0.079 – 0.228	0.08*	0.009 – 0.162
Health Plan Communication Issues	0.11**	0.035 – 0.181	0.08*	0.002 – 0.149	0.10**	0.029 – 0.178

Notes: Model is not trimmed for nonsignificant effects. β , standardized coefficients; CI, confidence interval. Model parameters are for fully saturated model. Negative signs indicate suppression in light of the positive zero-order associations among these measures. Questions: In what percentage of cases do you prescribe a different medication than initially planned, due to prior authorization delays; How often do you avoid prescribing newer medications due to anticipated difficulties with prior authorization, even if you feel patients meet evidence-based guidelines for their use; How often have you modified a diagnosis to obtain a prior authorization.

* $P < .05$; ** $P < .01$; *** $P < .001$; ^m = marginal effect $P < .06$