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# H. R. 6572

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 26, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Homeless Veterans  
5 Community Care Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

2 Section 2002(a) of title 38, United States Code, is  
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) The term ‘Federally qualified health center’ has  
5 the meaning given that term in section 1861(aa) of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)).

7 “(4) The term ‘primary care association’ means an  
8 entity that is awarded a grant or contract under section  
9 330(l) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 254b(l)).”.

11 **SEC. 3. CHANGES TO PLAN FOR COORDINATION OF OUT-**  
12 **REACH SERVICES.**

13 Section 2022 of title 38, United States Code, is  
14 amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in-  
17 cluding Federally qualified health centers and  
18 primary care associations,” after “non-Depart-  
19 ment entities”; and

20 (B) in paragraph (6)—

21 (i) by inserting “primary care,” after  
22 “referral sources for”; and

23 (ii) by inserting a comma after “men-  
24 tal health”;

25 (2) in subsection (c), by inserting “, including  
26 Federally qualified health centers and primary care

1       associations,” after “entities outside the Depart-  
2       ment”;

3               (3) in subsection (e)—

4                       (A) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “and  
5       community resources, including Federally quali-  
6       fied health centers and primary care associa-  
7       tions,” after “about benefits”; and

8                       (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “Feder-  
9       ally qualified health centers, primary care asso-  
10      ciations,” after “the Department of Defense,”;  
11      and

12               (4) in subsection (f)—

13                       (A) in paragraph (1)—

14                               (i) by striking “October 1, 2002” and  
15       inserting “90 days after the date of the en-  
16       actment of the Homeless Veterans Com-  
17       prehensive Assistance Act of 2018”; and

18                               (ii) by striking “an initial report” and  
19       inserting “a report”;

20                       (B) in paragraph (2)—

21                               (i) by striking “December 31, 2005”  
22       and inserting “120 days after the date of  
23       the enactment of the Homeless Veterans  
24       Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2018”;  
25       and

- 1 (ii) by striking “an interim report”  
 2 and inserting “a report”; and  
 3 (C) in paragraph (3)—  
 4 (i) by striking “July 1, 2007” and in-  
 5 serting “360 days after the date of the en-  
 6 actment of the Homeless Veterans Com-  
 7 prehensive Assistance Act of 2018”; and  
 8 (ii) by striking “final”.

9 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR HOUSING ASSIST-**  
 10 **ANCE FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.**

11 Section 2041(c) of title 38, United States Code, is  
 12 amended by striking “2017” and inserting “2020”.

13 **SEC. 5. ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR DENTAL CARE.**

14 Section 2062 of title 38, United States Code, is  
 15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (b)(2), by adding at the end  
 17 the following:

18 “(E) A Federally qualified health center.”;

19 and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(d) PROVIDERS.—For purposes of section  
 22 1712(a)(1)(H), the Secretary may award a contract to a  
 23 Federally qualified health center that provides services to  
 24 a veteran described in subsection (b).”.

1 **SEC. 6. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR TECHNICAL AS-**  
2 **SISTANCE GRANTS FOR NONPROFIT COMMU-**  
3 **NITY-BASED GROUPS.**

4 Section 2064(b) of title 38, United States Code, is  
5 amended by striking “2007 through 2012” and inserting  
6 “2019 through 2022”.

7 **SEC. 7. ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT.**

8 Section 2065(c) of title 38, United States Code, is  
9 amended—

10 (1) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-  
11 graph (9); and

12 (2) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-  
13 lowing:

14 “(7) Information about the number of veterans  
15 referred to Federally qualified health centers.

16 “(8) Information about the methods used to  
17 communicate to veterans the availability of care at  
18 Federally qualified health centers and an evaluation  
19 of the effectiveness of such methods.”.

20 **SEC. 8. ADDITION TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND EXTEN-**  
21 **SION.**

22 Section 2066 of title 38, United States Code, is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)(2)—

25 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “,  
26 including Federally qualified health centers and

1 primary care associations” after “homeless indi-  
 2 viduals”;

3 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (J) as  
 4 subparagraph (K); and

5 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (I) the  
 6 following:

7 “(J) Advocates for women veterans.”; and

8 (2) in subsection (d), by striking “September  
 9 30, 2018” and inserting “December 31, 2022”.

10 **SEC. 9. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY FOR VETERANS AF-**  
 11 **FAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM.**

12 Subparagraph (B) of section 8(o)(19) of the United  
 13 States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) is  
 14 amended by striking clauses (i) through (v) and inserting  
 15 the following:

16 “(i) for fiscal year 2019, the amount  
 17 necessary to provide 2,500 vouchers for  
 18 rental assistance under this subsection;  
 19 and

20 “(ii) for fiscal year 2020, the amount  
 21 necessary to provide 2,500 vouchers for  
 22 rental assistance under this subsection.”.

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