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Veterans Health Care Quality Assurance Act of 2001

Congress: 107 (2001–2003, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Mar 5, 2001

Current Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Mar 5, 2001)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Snowe, Olympia J. [R-ME]

Party: Republican • **State:** ME • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 5, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Mar 5, 2001)

Veterans Health Care Quality Assurance Act of 2001 - Expresses the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should: (1) require the directors of the Department of Veterans Affairs health care networks to systematically share information on maximizing resources and increasing efficiency without compromising quality of care and patient satisfaction; (2) require exchange and mentoring programs to facilitate such sharing; (3) provide incentives to increase efficiency and meet quality and patient satisfaction goals; and (4) institute a formal oversight process to meet such goals.

Requires the Department's Inspector General, at least every three years, to audit the quality of health care furnished by each Department health care network and facility.

Directs the Secretary to provide for the dissemination and sharing with Department health care networks of information designed to ensure efficiency in the provision of health care to veterans, including efficiency goals and quality and patient satisfaction standards.

Establishes within the Department the Office of Health Care Quality Assurance to ensure the establishment and implementation of efficiency goals and quality and patient satisfaction standards throughout the Department. Expresses the sense of Congress that the Office director should act as an advocate for veterans in receiving quality health care.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 5, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 5, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1826)
- **Mar 5, 2001:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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