

HR 1426

Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Apr 26, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Richard Helm Veterans' Access to Local Health Care Options and Resources Act - Allows a veteran enrolled in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) annual patient enrollment system to elect to receive covered health services through a non-VA facility. (Currently, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs may contract for such services when VA facilities are not capable of furnishing economic hospital care or medical services because of geographical inaccessibility or are not capable of furnishing the care or services required.) Directs the Secretary to authorize such services pursuant to a contract with such facility.

Authorizes the Secretary to furnish to veterans through a VA health care facility drugs and medicines ordered on prescription of a duly licensed private physician under contract with the VA.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 26, 2007:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Mar 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 9, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.