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Veterans' Mental Health Outreach and Access Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Oct 24, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
110 HR 2689	Related bill	Jun 20, 2007: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of May 23, 2007)

Veterans' Mental Health Outreach and Access Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a program to provide to veterans of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, particularly veterans who served in such Operations while in the National Guard and reserves: (1) peer outreach and support services; (2) readjustment counseling and related services; and (3) mental health services. Directs the Secretary to also provide to immediate family members of such veterans, during the three-year period following the return of the veterans from such a deployment, education, support, counseling, and mental health services to assist in: (1) readjustment to civilian life; (2) recovery from an injury or illness incurred during such deployment; and (3) readjustment of the family following the veteran's return.

Authorizes the Secretary to contract with community health centers and other qualified entities to provide such services in areas not adequately served by health care facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Requires the Secretary to: (1) contract for a program to train veterans to provide the peer outreach and support services; and (2) conduct a training program for clinicians of community health centers and entities contracted to provide such services.

Extends the eligibility for hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat operations from two to five years after their discharge or release from such duty.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 24, 2007:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 110-328.
- **May 23, 2007:** Introduced in Senate
- **May 23, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S6553)
- **May 23, 2007:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text of measure as introduced: CR S6553-6554)