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Rural Veterans Health Care Access Act of 2007

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 16, 2007

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Nov 15, 2007)

Rural Veterans Health Care Access Act of 2007 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Secretary) to establish and implement a pilot program to provide mental health counseling services to eligible veterans at non-Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical facilities. Defines "eligible veteran" as one who: (1) served on active duty in support of a contingency operation; (2) is eligible to receive hospital care and medical services; (3) has been diagnosed with a mental health condition and recommended to receive mental health counseling; and (4) resides at least 30 miles from a VA medical facility that employs a full-time mental health professional. Requires the Secretary to issue to an eligible veteran a six-month supply of vouchers to be used to pay for counseling (including family counseling) services provided by the mental health provider.

Requires the Secretary to conduct a study on the effectiveness of the pilot program.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Nov 15, 2007:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.