

HR 4006

Rural, American Indian Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Mar 25, 2010

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 658	Related bill	Apr 22, 2009: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 111-76.

Rural, American Indian Veterans Health Care Improvement Act of 2009 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assign an Indian Veterans Health Care Coordinator for each of the ten VA facilities that serve communities with the greatest per capita number of Indian veterans. Includes among Coordinator duties: (1) improving outreach to tribal communities; (2) coordinating the medical needs of Indian veterans on Indian reservations with the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) and the Indian Health Service (IHS); and (3) acting as an ombudsman for Indian veterans enrolled in the VHA health care system.

Directs the Secretary to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of the Interior to ensure the electronic transfer of health records of Indian veterans between IHS and VA facilities.

Requires the VA Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to report jointly to Congress on the advisability of the joint VHA-IHS establishment and operation of health clinics to serve populations of Indian reservations, including Indian veterans.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2010:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Nov 6, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Nov 3, 2009:** Introduced in House
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