
HR 5286

Veterans Equitable Treatment Act

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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	Referred to	Aug 15, 2014

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Veterans Equitable Treatment Act - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) establish a maximum specialist referral period (the period between the date a veteran is referred to a VA specialty clinic by the veteran's VA primary care physician and the date the veteran is scheduled for an appointment with a VA specialist), subject to such exceptions as the Secretary considers necessary and consistent with current VA treatment policies based on clinical need and with the VA's 30-30-20 performance goal for such referral period; and (2) take steps to ensure that the VA is able to provide appropriate transportation services for qualified veterans within a reasonable time period of a scheduled appointment.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) promptly provide for such specialty care or transportation from a private source if the Secretary is not able to meet such standards, (2) reimburse such private provider or the reasonable value of such care or services, and (2) take steps to expedite such required reimbursement, consistent with the Veterans Health Administration policy that 90% of all non-VA contract care claims are processed within 30 days of receipt.

Terminates the requirement that a veteran must have received care from the VA within the 24-month period preceding the furnishing of emergency treatment at a non-VA facility in order to be considered an active VA health-care participant who is eligible for reimbursement for such treatment.

Actions Timeline

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