

HR 1860

Equalizing Transparency for Veterans Act

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to biennially publish information on the VA's provision of health care on a VA Internet database that is publicly available.

Includes among that information for each VA medical facility:

- quality measures regarding inpatient and outpatient care that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) is required to make publicly available under the Medicare program;
- the average length of stay, opioid prescription rate, and suicide rate for patients discharged from the facility; and
- the average number of days a patient waited for an appointment or procedure at such facility.

Includes in such information for each VA nursing home any quality measures the Secretary of HHS makes publicly available regarding Medicare nursing homes.

Directs the Secretary to establish a process to validate the published information.

Requires the Secretary to annually submit a plan to Congress to improve each VA medical facility that ranks within the bottom quartile on each quality measure used by the Secretary to rank such facilities.

Directs the Secretary to establish a toll-free telephone number for individuals to use to notify the Secretary of low-quality care being provided at a VA medical facility.

Actions Timeline

- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
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