

HR 1862

Veterans' Credit Protection Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Reported by	Jul 22, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 3016	Related bill	Feb 10, 2016: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to: (1) conduct outreach to inform veterans of how to resolve credit issues caused by a delayed payment of a claim for emergency hospital care, medical services, or other emergency health care furnished through a non-VA provider; and (2) establish a toll-free telephone number for veterans to report such issues to the Chief Business Office of the VA.

Requires the VA to report annually on the effectiveness of such Office in providing timely payment of proper invoices for emergency hospital care, medical services, or other emergency health care furnished through non-VA providers by the required payment date during both the preceding five-year period and the preceding one-year period. Requires the report, for any part of the period covered by such a report that occurred before October 1, 2014, to evaluate the provision of such payments by the Veterans Integrated Service Networks.

Requires such report to include:

- the number of veterans who contacted the VA regarding delayed payments that could negatively affect their credit;
- the total amount of interest penalties paid by the VA by reason of delayed payments;
- the number of proper invoices submitted, the amount owed for and the payment status of such invoices, and the periods that elapsed before such invoices were paid;
- any comments regarding delayed payments made by medical providers; and
- a description of the best practices to provide timely payment of a proper invoice, including a plan to improve such timely payments.

Directs: (1) the Office to submit to Congress quarterly reports on the number of pending claims for reimbursement for emergency hospital care, medical services, and other emergency health care furnished through non-VA providers; and (2) the Comptroller General to conduct a study that evaluates the effectiveness of the Office in providing timely payment of a proper invoice for such care by the required payment date.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 22, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jul 22, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Jul 14, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 1, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 16, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.