

S 2417

Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act

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Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

Party: Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (2 total)

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| Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD] | R · SD | | Dec 17, 2015 |
| Sen. Hoeven, John [R-ND] | R · ND | | May 16, 2016 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Indian Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Nov 17, 2016 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced. The summary has been expanded because action occurred on the measure.)

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(Sec. 2) This bill amends the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to allow the Indian Health Service (IHS) to pay copayments owed to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by Indian veterans for services authorized under the Purchased/Referred Care program.

The IHS and the VA, in consultation with impacted Indian tribes, must enter into a memorandum of understanding that authorizes the IHS to pay such copayments unless it would decrease the quality of, or access to, health care for individuals receiving care from the IHS or the VA.

The IHS and the VA must report on veterans who are IHS beneficiaries and have received care from the VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 16, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Reported by Senator Barrasso without amendment. With written report No. 114-376.
- **Nov 16, 2016:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 671.
- **Jun 8, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
- **May 11, 2016:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-537.
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Introduced in Senate
- **Dec 17, 2015:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.