

HR 1771

VA GORDIAN KNOT Act

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Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Mar 29, 2017
Rep. Brooks, Susan W. [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Apr 4, 2017
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Jun 15, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Appropriations Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 29, 2017
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 30, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

VA Guidance for Organizational Reform and Data Integrity for Accountability Needs Key for Necessary and Optimal Transformation Act or the VA GORDIAN KNOT Act

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to enter into an agreement for an independent assessment of its organization, which shall evaluate: (1) whether the VA's current organization is conducive to meeting its performance goals, and (2) the cost of providing hospital care and medical services to veterans at VA medical facilities compared to the cost of paying for such care and services furnished by a non-VA provider pursuant to the Veterans Choice Program.

The VA shall ensure that: (1) each VA medical facility has a hiring plan, and (2) each VA employee who voluntarily separates is afforded the opportunity to complete an exit interview.

The VA shall: (1) develop standard definitions for the actions that constitute the manipulation of data regarding scheduling health care appointments and the ways in which Veterans Health Administration employees are held accountable for such manipulation; (2) ensure that a single position in each VA medical facility and office is designated as being responsible for verifying the accuracy of reported health care data; (3) enter into an agreement for an independent assessment of whether such requirements improve the accuracy of VA data; and (4) study and report on VA health care data integrity and on costs relating to VA employees manipulating health care data, providing negligent management, and retaliating against whistleblowers.

The VA shall: (1) make publicly available on its website the current wait times for a veteran enrolled in the VA health care system to receive an appointment at a VA facility, (2) enter into an agreement for an assessment of the accuracy of such wait times, and (3) publish information regarding such assessment.

The VA may transfer specified amounts among its accounts to mitigate or remove any shortfall or justify not making such transfer.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 4, 2017:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2639)
- **Mar 30, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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