

HR 369

To eliminate the sunset of the Veterans Choice Program, and for other purposes.

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House | Referred to | Jan 9, 2017 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 115 S 544 | Related bill | Apr 19, 2017: Became Public Law No: 115-26. |
| 115 S 86 | Related bill | Jan 10, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. |

(Sec. 1) This bill amends the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to eliminate the August 7, 2017, sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program, which would allow the program to operate until all of the money in the Veterans Choice Fund is expended.

(Sec. 2) The bill makes the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) the primary payer (the VA is currently the secondary payer) for medical care relating to non-service connected disabilities and recovery of costs from third parties for certain care under the program.

(Sec. 3) The VA may share medical information with a non-VA entity (including private entities and other federal agencies) that provides veterans with hospital care or medical services. Such entity may not redisclose or use such information for a purpose other than that for which the disclosure was made.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 29, 2017:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 115-65.
- **Mar 29, 2017:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 36.
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jan 9, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.