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Accountability for Quality VA Healthcare Act

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Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 3933	Related bill	Oct 3, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 HR 3558	Related bill	Jul 28, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
115 HR 3185	Related bill	Jul 11, 2017: Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 28, 2017)

Accountability for Quality VA Healthcare Act

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to carry out a two-year pilot program to enhance the physical security of VA medical facilities.

The VA shall periodically update its Planning and Activating Community Based Outpatient Clinics handbook to reflect current policies and clarify the responsibilities of VA leasing project personnel.

The VA shall: (1) strengthen its medical facility inspection process; and (2) monitor women veterans' access to gender-specific care services under community care contracts, including appointment scheduling and completion times.

The VA shall: (1) clarify measures for medical appointment wait times in a manner that reduces the likelihood of misinterpretation, (2) ensure that "patient indicated date" (the earliest date the patient needs to be seen) is clearly defined for purposes of Veterans Health Administration (VHA) scheduling and related training documents, (3) improve recruitment and retention of scheduling staff and require facilities to routinely assess scheduling and resource needs, and (4) improve telephone access at its medical facilities.

The VA shall conduct evaluations of the VHA's organizational structure and the Veterans Integrated Service Networks (regional VA health care administrative areas).

Actions Timeline

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