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Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act

Congress: 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Native Americans

Introduced: Apr 3, 2019

Current Status: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-183.

Latest Action: Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-183. (Nov 20, 2019)

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Sponsor

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Indian Affairs Committee	Senate	Hearings By (full committee)	Nov 20, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Native Americans

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 3, 2019)

Tribal Veterans Health Care Enhancement Act

This bill authorizes the Indian Health Service (IHS) to pay copayments owed to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by Indian veterans for medical services authorized under the Purchased/Referred Care program and administered at a VA facility.

The IHS, the VA, and tribal health programs, in consultation with impacted tribes, must enter into a memorandum of understanding that authorizes the IHS or a tribal health program 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 eligible for IHS assistance and have received care from the VA.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 20, 2019:** Committee on Indian Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 116-183.
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 3, 2019:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs. (text: CR S2241-2242)

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