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Improving Mental Health Care for Veterans Act of 2020

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Committee Activity

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Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 785	Related bill	Oct 17, 2020: Became Public Law No: 116-171.
116 HR 8108	Related bill	Sep 10, 2020: Committee Hearings Held.

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This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to complete the development of a clinical practice guideline or guidelines for the treatment of serious mental illness. Under the bill, such guidelines must address the treatment of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and persistent mood disorder (including bipolar disorder I and II).

The VA must establish the Serious Mental Illness Work Group with the Department of Defense and the Department of Health and Human Services to develop such clinical practice guideline or guidelines.

Finally, the VA must complete an assessment of the *2016 Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Management of Major Depressive Disorders* to determine if an update is necessary.

Actions Timeline

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