

## HR 5555

Care Veterans Deserve Act of 2020

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** NC • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors

*No cosponsors are listed for this bill.*

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 7, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Care Veterans Deserve Act of 2020

This bill expands the availability of care for veterans at Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities and non-VA facilities.

Specifically, the bill requires the VA to furnish hospital care, medical services, and extended care services via providers under the Veterans Community Care Program to veterans with a service-connected disability rated at 50% or more who elect to receive care or services through a non-VA provider.

The bill requires the VA to extend the operating hours of its pharmacies.

The VA must enter into contracts with physicians and nurses to work at VA medical facilities during nights and weekends.

Finally, the bill authorizes the VA to provide for a best-practices peer review of each VA medical center by a nongovernmental hospital organization to evaluate the efficacy of the care provided at each center. VA medical centers with the longest wait times for appointments or the worst health outcomes shall be given priority for peer review.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Feb 7, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 8, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.