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VA Quality Health Care Accountability and Transparency Act

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2020
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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

VA Quality Health Care Accountability and Transparency Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to make certain staffing and quality of care data publicly available on a specified VA website. Among other elements, the information published on the website should include statistics related to patient wait times, effectiveness of care, and staffing and vacancy information.

The website must be (1) directly accessible from the main VA website and the main websites of each VA medical center, and (2) understandable and usable by the general public.

The VA must implement a self-auditing process to assess the accuracy and completeness of the data available on the website and must enter an agreement for the Inspector General of the VA (or other entity) to validate the audits. Additionally, the Government Accountability Office shall review the website to assess the VA's compliance and to provide recommendations on how to improve the website.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 1, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
- **Mar 2, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Feb 6, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 6, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.