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Veterans' Assuring Critical Care Expansions to Support Servicemembers (ACCESS) Act of 2025

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Jan 28, 2025

Current Status: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute

Latest Action: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably. (Jul 30, 2025)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]

Party: Republican • **State:** KS • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Banks, Jim [R-IN]	R · IN		Jan 29, 2025
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Feb 3, 2025
Sen. Tuberville, Tommy [R-AL]	R · AL		Feb 3, 2025
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Feb 6, 2025
Sen. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN]	R · TN		Mar 11, 2025
Sen. Sheehy, Tim [R-MT]	R · MT		Apr 30, 2025
Sen. Scott, Rick [R-FL]	R · FL		May 20, 2025
Sen. Moody, Ashley [R-FL]	R · FL		Jul 14, 2025
Sen. Cruz, Ted [R-TX]	R · TX		Jul 15, 2025
Sen. Ricketts, Pete [R-NE]	R · NE		Sep 9, 2025
Sen. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV]	R · WV		Sep 16, 2025
Sen. Grassley, Chuck [R-IA]	R · IA		Sep 18, 2025
Sen. Lee, Mike [R-UT]	R · UT		Mar 9, 2026
Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK]	R · AK		Apr 14, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Markup By	Jul 30, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 740	Related bill	Jul 23, 2025: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2025)

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This bill addresses the administration of the Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP) and other Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health care matters.

Among other provisions regarding the VCCP, the bill

- establishes in statute access standards that determine when a veteran is eligible to receive non-VA care through the VCCP,
- requires the VA to notify veterans regarding their eligibility for care within two business days after the VA is aware the veteran is seeking care, and
- extends the deadline for the submittal of claims under the VCCP by health care entities and providers.

The VA must address its mental health treatment programs by

- establishing a standardized screening process to determine whether a veteran satisfies criteria for priority or routine admission to a mental health residential rehabilitation treatment program or a program for residential care for mental health and substance abuse disorders,
- tracking the performance of medical facilities and Veterans Integrated Service Networks in meeting the requirements for mental health treatment screenings and timely admission to treatment programs under such screenings, and
- establishing an appeal process for when a veteran is denied admission to a covered treatment program or is accepted into a program but not offered bed placement in a timely manner.

Additionally, the VA must establish an online self-service module for veterans to request and manage appointments, track referrals, and appeal and track decisions related to requests for care.

Jan 28, 2025: Introduced in Senate

- **Jan 28, 2025:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.