

HR 439

Veterans Foreign Medical Coverage Equality and Modernization Act of 2025

**Congress:** 119 (2025–2027, Current)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Jan 15, 2025

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 20, 2025)

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Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. LaLota, Nick [R-NY-1]

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

Cosponsors (20 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	D · NV		Jan 22, 2025
Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	R · NJ		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	D · TX		Feb 24, 2025
Rep. Correa, J. Luis [D-CA-46]	D · CA		Mar 5, 2025
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Mar 6, 2025
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Mar 18, 2025
Rep. Davis, Donald G. [D-NC-1]	D · NC		Mar 27, 2025
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Apr 7, 2025
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Apr 14, 2025
Rep. Gillen, Laura [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Apr 24, 2025
Rep. Sorensen, Eric [D-IL-17]	D · IL		May 15, 2025
Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	D · TX		May 20, 2025
Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	D · NJ		Jun 5, 2025
Rep. Carson, André [D-IN-7]	D · IN		Jul 10, 2025
Rep. Vindman, Eugene Simon [D-VA-7]	D · VA		Jul 10, 2025
Rep. Thanedar, Shri [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Jul 14, 2025
Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	R · NY		Aug 5, 2025
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Aug 15, 2025
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Aug 26, 2025
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Nov 7, 2025

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 15, 2025
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 20, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 15, 2025)

Veterans Foreign Medical Coverage Equality and Modernization Act of 2025

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to furnish hospital care and medical services abroad (i.e., outside any state) to a veteran with a service-connected disability rated as permanent and total who is otherwise eligible for such care if the VA determines certain requirements are met. Specifically, the VA must furnish such care to an eligible veteran if it determines (1) the hospital care or medical services are consistent with the standard medical practice in the United States, and (2) any prescription medication furnished is approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

For any care provided abroad, the VA must ensure (1) reimbursements made to veterans and medical providers can be made by direct deposit; and (2) the VA's mobile applications provide for digital submission, real-time tracking of required forms, and the availability of specified documents associated with care or services, such as a benefits authorization letter.

Actions Timeline

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