

S 654

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish an external provider scheduling program to assist the Department of Veterans Affairs in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Feb 20, 2025

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Latest Action: Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 274. (Dec 2, 2025)

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Sponsor

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

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

Cosponsors (3 total)

| Cosponsor | Party / State | Role | Date Joined |
|---------------------------|---------------|------|--------------|
| Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR] | R · AR | | Feb 20, 2025 |
| Sen. Budd, Ted [R-NC] | R · NC | | Feb 20, 2025 |
| Sen. Fischer, Deb [R-NE] | R · NE | | Feb 20, 2025 |

Committee Activity

| Committee | Chamber | Activity | Date |
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| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Markup By | Jul 30, 2025 |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate | Reported By | Dec 2, 2025 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

This bill establishes within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) a national External Provider Scheduling Program to assist the VA in scheduling appointments for care and services under the Veterans Community Care Program (VCCP). The program must consist of technology that allows VA schedulers to view the schedules of health care providers participating in the VCCP in real time.

The VA must ensure the program reduces the time (1) from referral to the actual scheduling of appointments for care or services, and (2) for VA schedulers to schedule appointments for care or services.

The VA must also ensure the program is available to all VA medical centers by September 30, 2025.

Actions Timeline

- [illegible]

Dec 2, 2025: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Moran with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.

- [illegible]

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

- [illegible]

Feb 20, 2025: Introduced in Senate

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