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To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide TRICARE Standard coverage for members of reserve components of the Armed Forces who serve at least one year on active duty overseas.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROHRBACHER (for himself and Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TRICARE STANDARD COVERAGE FOR MEMBERS**
4 **OF RESERVE COMPONENTS WHO SERVE AT**
5 **LEAST ONE YEAR ON ACTIVE DUTY OVER-**
6 **SEAS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) TRICARE STANDARD COVERAGE.—Chapter
2 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
3 inserting after section 1076d the following new sec-
4 tion:

5 **“§ 1076e. TRICARE program: coverage for members**
6 **of reserve components who serve at least**
7 **one year on active duty overseas**

8 “(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Notwithstanding section 1076d
9 of this title, a member of the Ready Reserve or Retired
10 Reserve of a reserve component of the armed forces is eli-
11 gible for health benefits under TRICARE Standard after
12 the member completes service on active duty to which the
13 member was called or ordered for a period of more than
14 30 days under a provision of law referred to in section
15 101(a)(13)(B) if the member served, for one year or more
16 pursuant to such call or order—

17 “(1) continuously on active duty; and

18 “(2) while assigned to a duty station at a loca-
19 tion outside the United States.

20 “(b) PERIOD OF COVERAGE.—TRICARE Standard
21 coverage of a member under this section, on the basis of
22 active-duty service performed as described in subsection
23 (a)—

24 “(1) begins upon the expiration of the mem-
25 ber’s entitlement to care and benefits under section

1 1145(a) of this title that is based on the same ac-
2 tive-duty service; and

3 “(2) terminates upon the termination of the
4 member’s service in the Ready Reserve or Retired
5 Reserve.

6 “(c) FAMILY MEMBERS.—While a member of a re-
7 serve component is covered by TRICARE Standard under
8 this section, the members of the immediate family of such
9 member are eligible for TRICARE Standard coverage as
10 dependents of the member.

11 “(d) PREMIUMS.—A member of a reserve component
12 covered by TRICARE Standard under this section shall
13 pay a premium for that coverage. The premium shall be
14 the same as the premiums prescribed under section 1076d
15 of this title for members covered by TRICARE Standard
16 under that section.

17 “(e) RELATIONSHIP TO SECTION 1076d.—In the case
18 of a member of a reserve component eligible for TRICARE
19 Standard coverage under this section and under section
20 1076d of this title, the member may chose the coverage
21 that is most advantageous to the member.

22 “(f) DEFINITION.—In this section, the terms ‘imme-
23 diate family’ and ‘TRICARE Standard’ have the meanings
24 provided in section 1076d of this title.

1 “(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in
2 consultation with the other administering Secretaries,
3 shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this
4 section.”.

5 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
6 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
7 by inserting after the item relating to section 1076d
8 the following new item:

“1076e. TRICARE program: coverage for members of reserve components who
serve at least one year on active duty overseas.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1076e of title 10,
10 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
11 effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.

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