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H. R. 917

To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit eligible veterans to receive direct access to chiropractic care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Better Access to Chiro-
5 practors to Keep our Veterans Healthy Act (BACK Vet-
6 erans Health Act)”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED CHIROPRACTOR SERVICES AVAILABLE**
2 **TO VETERANS.**

3 (a) **MEDICAL SERVICES.**—Paragraph (6) of section
4 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
5 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

6 “(G) Chiropractic services.”.

7 (b) **REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.**—Paragraph (8) of
8 such section is amended by inserting “chiropractic,” after
9 “counseling,”.

10 (c) **PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**—Paragraph
11 (9) of such section is amended —

12 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
13 through (K) as subparagraphs (G) through (L), re-
14 spectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
16 lowing new subparagraph (F):

17 “(F) periodic and preventative chiropractic ex-
18 aminations and services;”.

19 **SEC. 3. DIRECT ACCESS FOR VETERANS TO CHIROPRACTIC**
20 **SERVICES.**

21 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 17 of title 38, United
22 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1710B
23 the following new section:

24 **“§ 1710C. Direct access to chiropractic services**

25 “(a) The Secretary shall permit eligible veterans to
26 receive needed medical services, rehabilitative services, and

1 preventative health services from a licensed doctor of
2 chiropractic on a direct access basis at the election of the
3 eligible veteran, if such services are within the State scope
4 of practice of such doctor of chiropractic.

5 “(b) The Secretary shall not discriminate among li-
6 censed health-care providers in the determination of need-
7 ed services.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
10 after the item relating to section 1710B the following new
11 item:

“1710C. Direct access to chiropractic services.”.

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