

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1017

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

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

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## 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 “Chiropractic Care  
5 Available to All Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF CHIROPRACTIC**  
2 **CARE AND SERVICES TO VETERANS.**

3 Section 204(c) of the Department of Veterans Affairs  
4 Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 (38  
5 U.S.C. 1710 note) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The program”;

7 and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(2) The program shall be carried out at not fewer  
11 than 75 medical centers by not later than December 31,  
12 2010, and at all medical centers by not later than Decem-  
13 ber 31, 2012.”.

14 **SEC. 3. EXPANDED CHIROPRACTOR SERVICES AVAILABLE**  
15 **TO VETERANS.**

16 (a) **MEDICAL SERVICES.**—Paragraph (6) of section  
17 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-  
18 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

19 “(G) Chiropractic services.”.

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

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

1           (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)  
2 through (K) as subparagraphs (G) through (L), re-  
3 spectively; and

4           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-  
5 lowing new subparagraph (F):

6           “(F) periodic and preventative chiropractic ex-  
7 aminations and services;”.

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