

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5403

To direct the Secretary of Defense to temporarily adjust the reimbursement rates for TRICARE claims in Alaska.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 26, 2010

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska 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. TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT OF REIMBURSE-**
4 **MENT RATES FOR TRICARE CLAIMS IN ALAS-**
5 **KA.**

6 (a) TRICARE RATES.—Notwithstanding section
7 1079(h) of title 10, United States Code, during the period
8 beginning on October 1, 2010, and ending on September
9 30, 2012, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that pay-
10 ment for a charge for services by an individual health care

1 professional (or other noninstitutional health care pro-
2 vider) located in Alaska for which a claim is submitted
3 under a plan contracted for under section 1079(a) of such
4 title shall be equal to an amount determined to be appro-
5 priate, to the extent practicable, in accordance with the
6 same reimbursement rules as apply to payments for simi-
7 lar services under the VA Alaska Fee Schedule used by
8 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs pursuant to section
9 17.56(d) of title 38, Code of Federal Regulations.

10 (b) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2012, the Sec-
11 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
12 committees (as defined in section 101(a)(16) of title 10,
13 United States Code), a report on the rates for reimbursing
14 TRICARE claims in Alaska, including a comparison of the
15 rates paid during the period described in subsection (a)
16 and the rates paid before such period.

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