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To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. REED, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. BYRD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

APRIL 29, 2010

Reported by Mr. AKAKA, with an amendment and an amendment to the title
[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italie*]

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 “Homeless Women Vet-
 5 erans and Homeless Veterans with Children Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS**
 7 **VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**

8 (a) INCLUSION UNDER GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOME-
 9 LESS VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF ENTITIES EL-
 10 IGIBLE FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAM GRANTS
 11 AND PER DIEM PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES TO HOMELESS
 12 VETERANS.—Subsection (a) of section 2061 of title 38,
 13 United States Code, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “to grant and per diem pro-
 15 viders” and inserting “to entities eligible for grants
 16 and per diem payments under sections 2011 and
 17 2012 of this title”; and

18 (2) by striking “by those facilities and pro-
 19 viders” and inserting “by those facilities and enti-
 20 ties”.

21 (b) INCLUSION OF MALE HOMELESS VETERANS
 22 WITH MINOR DEPENDENTS.—Subsection (b) of such sec-
 23 tion is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “, including
 25 women who have care of minor dependents”;

1 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “or”;

2 (3) in paragraph (4), by striking the period at
3 the end and inserting “; or”; and

4 (4) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “~~(5)~~ veterans who have care of minor depend-
7 ents.”.

8 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF PROVISION OF SERVICES TO
9 DEPENDENTS.—Such section is further amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
11 section (d); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection (c):

14 “~~(c)~~ PROVISION OF SERVICES TO DEPENDENTS.—A
15 recipient of a grant under subsection (a) may use such
16 grant to provide services directly to a dependent of a
17 homeless veteran with special needs described in sub-
18 section (b) who is under the care of such homeless veteran
19 while such homeless veteran receives services from the
20 grant recipient under this section.”.

1 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM FOR REINTEGRATION OF HOME-**
 2 **LESS WOMEN VETERANS AND HOMELESS**
 3 **VETERANS WITH CHILDREN.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 20 of title 38, United
 5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 2021
 6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 2021A. Grant program for reintegration of home-**
 8 **less women veterans and homeless vet-**
 9 **erans with children**

10 **“(a) GRANTS.**—Subject to the availability of appro-
 11 priations provided for such purpose, the Secretary of
 12 Labor shall award grants to eligible programs and facili-
 13 ties to provide the services described in subsection (c) to
 14 expedite the reintegration into the labor force of the fol-
 15 lowing:

16 **“(1) Homeless women veterans.**

17 **“(2) Homeless veterans with children.**

18 **“(b) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.**—An eli-
 19 gible program or facility for purposes of this section is
 20 a program or facility that provides dedicated services for
 21 homeless women veterans or homeless veterans with chil-
 22 dren.

23 **“(c) SERVICES.**—The services described in this sub-
 24 section are the following:

25 **“(1) Job training.**

26 **“(2) Counseling.**

1 ~~“(3) Job placement services, including job read-~~
2 ~~iness, literacy, and skills training.~~

3 ~~“(4) Child care.~~

4 ~~“(d) MONITORING OF USE OF FUNDS.—The Sec-~~
5 ~~retary of Labor shall monitor and evaluate the use of~~
6 ~~amounts granted under this section. In monitoring and~~
7 ~~evaluating the use of such amounts, the Secretary shall~~
8 ~~collect from grantees such information as the Secretary~~
9 ~~considers appropriate, including data on the results or out-~~
10 ~~comes of the services provided to each homeless veteran~~
11 ~~under this section.~~

12 ~~“(e) ADMINISTRATION THROUGH ASSISTANT SEC-~~
13 ~~RETARY FOR VETERANS’ EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING.—~~
14 ~~The Secretary of Labor shall carry out this section~~
15 ~~through the Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employ-~~
16 ~~ment and Training.~~

17 ~~“(f) BIENNIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-~~
18 ~~retary of Labor shall include as part of the report required~~
19 ~~by section 2021(d) of this title an evaluation of the grant~~
20 ~~program under this section. The information included in~~
21 ~~such report under this subsection shall include—~~

22 ~~“(1) an evaluation of services furnished to vet-~~
23 ~~erans under this section; and~~

24 ~~“(2) an analysis of the information collected~~
25 ~~under subsection (d).~~

1 ~~“(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1)~~
 2 There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this
 3 section ~~\$10,000,000~~ for each of fiscal years 2010 through
 4 2014.

5 ~~“(2) The amount authorized to be appropriated by~~
 6 ~~paragraph (1) is in addition to any amounts authorized~~
 7 ~~to be appropriated by section 2021(e) of this title.~~

8 ~~“(3) Funds appropriated to carry out this section~~
 9 ~~shall remain available until expended. Funds obligated in~~
 10 ~~any fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended~~
 11 ~~in that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.”.~~

12 ~~(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections~~
 13 ~~at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is amended~~
 14 ~~by inserting after the item relating to section 2021 the~~
 15 ~~following new item:~~

~~“2021A. Grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and
 homeless veterans with children.”.~~

16 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

17 ~~(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the~~
 18 ~~“Homeless Veterans and Other Veterans Health Care Au-~~
 19 ~~thorities Act of 2010”.~~

20 ~~(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for~~
 21 ~~this Act is as follows:~~

~~Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.~~

~~Sec. 2. References to title 38, United States Code.~~

~~TITLE I—HOMELESS VETERANS MATTERS~~

~~Sec. 101. Enhancement of comprehensive service programs.~~

- Sec. 102. Grant program for workforce reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.*
- Sec. 103. Expansion of grant program for homeless veterans with special needs.*
- Sec. 104. Program on prevention of veteran homelessness.*
- Sec. 105. Homeless Veterans Management Information System.*
- Sec. 106. Rental assistance for veterans through Department of Housing and Urban Development.*
- Sec. 107. Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs in Office of Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.*
- Sec. 108. Plan to end veteran homelessness.*

TITLE II—TOXIC SUBSTANCES EXPOSURE

- Sec. 201. Extension of eligibility for health care for veterans with disabilities who served in Persian Gulf War notwithstanding lack of evidence to conclude such disabilities are associated with such service.*

TITLE III—HEALTH CARE MATTERS

- Sec. 301. Increase in number of authorized Assistant Secretaries and Deputy Assistant Secretaries.*
- Sec. 302. Establishment of Director of Physician Assistant Services in Veterans Health Administration.*
- Sec. 303. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center Quality Report Card Initiative.*
- Sec. 304. Report on pay-for-performance compensation under health care services contracts.*
- Sec. 305. Expansion of State home care for parents of veterans who died while serving in the Armed Forces.*
- Sec. 306. Automatic enrollment of eligible demobilizing members of the National Guard and Reserve in health care and dental care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs.*
- Sec. 307. Provision of chiropractic services to veterans enrolled in health care system of Department of Veterans Affairs.*
- Sec. 308. Name of Department of Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic, Alexandria, Minnesota.*

TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS

- Sec. 401. Funding.*

1 SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

2 *Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in*
 3 *this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of*
 4 *an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision,*
 5 *the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or*
 6 *other provision of title 38, United States Code.*

1 **TITLE I—HOMELESS VETERANS**
 2 **MATTERS**

3 **SEC. 101. ENHANCEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE**
 4 **PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) *ENHANCEMENT OF GRANTS.*—Section 2011 is
 6 *amended—*

7 (1) *in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking “expansion, remodeling, or alteration of existing facilities, or acquisition of facilities,” and inserting “new construction of facilities, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of existing facilities, or acquisition of facilities”;* and

13 (2) *in subsection (c)—*

14 (A) *in the first sentence, by striking “A grant” and inserting “(1) A grant”;*

16 (B) *in the second sentence of paragraph (1), as designated by subparagraph (A), by striking “The amount” and inserting the following:*

19 “(2) *The amount*”; and

20 (C) *by adding at the end the following new paragraph:*

22 “(3)(A) *The Secretary may not deny an application*
 23 *from an entity that seeks a grant under this section to carry*
 24 *out a project described in subsection (b)(1)(A) solely on the*
 25 *basis that the entity proposes to use funding from other pri-*

1 *vate or public sources, if the entity demonstrates that a pri-*
2 *vate nonprofit organization will provide oversight and site*
3 *control for the project.*

4 “(B) *In this paragraph, the term ‘private nonprofit*
5 *organization’ means the following:*

6 “(i) *An incorporated private institution, organi-*
7 *zation, or foundation—*

8 “(I) *that has received, or has temporary*
9 *clearance to receive, tax-exempt status under*
10 *paragraph (2), (3), or (19) of section 501(c) of*
11 *the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;*

12 “(II) *for which no part of the net earnings*
13 *of the institution, organization, or foundation*
14 *inures to the benefit of any member, founder, or*
15 *contributor of the institution, organization, or*
16 *foundation; and*

17 “(III) *that the Secretary determines is fi-*
18 *nancially responsible.*

19 “(ii) *A for-profit limited partnership or limited*
20 *liability company, the sole general partner or man-*
21 *ager of which is an organization that is described by*
22 *subclauses (I) through (III) of clause (i).*

23 “(iii) *A corporation wholly owned and controlled*
24 *by an organization that is described by subclauses (I)*
25 *through (III) of clause (i).”*

1 **(b) GRANT AND PER DIEM PAYMENTS.**—

2 **(1) STUDY AND DEVELOPMENT OF PAYMENT**
3 **METHOD.**—*Not later than one year after the date of*
4 *the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans*
5 *Affairs shall—*

6 **(A)** *complete a study of all matters relating*
7 *to the method used by the Secretary to make per*
8 *diem payments under section 2012(a) of title 38,*
9 *United States Code; and*

10 **(B)** *develop an improved method for ade-*
11 *quately reimbursing recipients of grants under*
12 *section 2011 of such title for services furnished to*
13 *homeless veterans.*

14 **(2) CONSIDERATION.**—*In developing the method*
15 *required by paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary may con-*
16 *sider payments and grants received by recipients of*
17 *grants described in such paragraph from other de-*
18 *partments and agencies of Federal and local govern-*
19 *ments and from private entities.*

20 **(3) REPORT.**—*Not later than one year after the*
21 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall*
22 *submit to Congress a report on—*

23 **(A)** *the findings of the Secretary with re-*
24 *spect to the study required by subparagraph (A)*
25 *of paragraph (1);*

1 (B) the method developed under subpara-
2 graph (B) of such paragraph; and

3 (C) any recommendations of the Secretary
4 for revising the method described in subpara-
5 graph (A) of such paragraph and any legislative
6 action the Secretary considers necessary to im-
7 plement such method.

8 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Section
9 2013 is amended by striking “subchapter \$150,000,000”
10 and all that follows through the period and inserting the
11 following: “subchapter—

12 “(1) \$150,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007
13 through 2009;

14 “(2) \$200,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

15 “(3) such sums as may be necessary for each of
16 fiscal years 2011 through 2014.”.

17 (d) *MINIMUM FUNDING IN RURAL AREAS.*—Section
18 2011 is amended by adding at the end the following new
19 subsection:

20 “(i) *MINIMUM FUNDING IN RURAL AREAS.*—The Sec-
21 retary shall ensure that not less than five percent of the
22 aggregate of the grant amounts awarded under this section
23 in each fiscal year is awarded to eligible entities located
24 in rural areas.”.

1 **SEC. 102. GRANT PROGRAM FOR WORKFORCE REINTEGRA-**
2 **TION OF HOMELESS WOMEN VETERANS AND**
3 **HOMELESS VETERANS WITH CHILDREN.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subchapter III of chapter 20 is
5 amended by inserting after section 2021 the following new
6 section:

7 **“§ 2021A. Grant program for reintegration of homeless**
8 **women veterans and homeless veterans**
9 **with children**

10 “(a) *GRANTS.*—Subject to the availability of appro-
11 priations for such purpose, the Secretary of Labor shall
12 award grants to eligible programs and facilities to provide
13 the services described in subsection (c) to expedite the re-
14 integration into the labor force of the following:

15 “(1) *Homeless women veterans.*

16 “(2) *Homeless veterans with children.*

17 “(b) *ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES.*—A pro-
18 gram or facility is an eligible program or facility for pur-
19 poses of this section if the program or facility provides dedi-
20 cated services for homeless women veterans or homeless vet-
21 erans with children.

22 “(c) *SERVICES.*—The services described in this sub-
23 section are the following:

24 “(1) *Job training.*

25 “(2) *Counseling.*

1 “(3) *Job placement services, including job readi-*
2 *ness, literacy, and skills training.*

3 “(4) *Child care.*

4 “(d) *MINIMUM.—The Secretary shall ensure that not*
5 *less than five percent of the aggregate of the grant amounts*
6 *awarded under this section in each fiscal year is awarded*
7 *to eligible programs and facilities located in rural areas.*

8 “(e) *MONITORING OF USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary*
9 *of Labor shall monitor and evaluate the use of amounts*
10 *granted under this section. In monitoring and evaluating*
11 *the use of such amounts, the Secretary shall collect from*
12 *grantees such information as the Secretary considers appro-*
13 *priate, including data on the results or outcomes of the serv-*
14 *ices provided to each homeless veteran under this section.*

15 “(f) *ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary of Labor shall*
16 *carry out this section through the Assistant Secretary of*
17 *Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training.*

18 “(g) *BIENNIAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—The Secretary*
19 *of Labor shall include as part of the report required by sec-*
20 *tion 2021(d) of this title an evaluation of the grant program*
21 *under this section. The information included in such report*
22 *under this subsection shall include—*

23 “(1) *an evaluation of services furnished to vet-*
24 *erans under this section; and*

1 “(2) an analysis of the information collected
2 under subsection (d).

3 “(h) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—(1)
4 *There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this*
5 *section \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through*
6 *2014.*

7 “(2) *The amount authorized to be appropriated by*
8 *paragraph (1) is in addition to any amounts authorized*
9 *to be appropriated by section 2021(e) of this title.*

10 “(3) *Funds appropriated to carry out this section shall*
11 *remain available until expended. Funds obligated in any*
12 *fiscal year to carry out this section may be expended in*
13 *that fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year.*”.

14 (b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*
15 *the beginning of chapter 20 is amended by inserting after*
16 *the item relating to section 2021 the following new item:*

*“2021A. Grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and home-
less veterans with children.”.*

17 **SEC. 103. EXPANSION OF GRANT PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS**
18 **VETERANS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**

19 (a) *INCLUSION OF ENTITIES ELIGIBLE FOR COM-*
20 *PREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAM GRANTS AND PER DIEM*
21 *PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.*—
22 *Subsection (a) of section 2061 is amended—*

23 (1) *by striking “to grant and per diem pro-*
24 *viders” and inserting “to entities eligible for grants*

1 *and per diem payments under sections 2011 and*
2 *2012 of this title”; and*

3 (2) *by striking “by those facilities and pro-*
4 *viders” and inserting “by those facilities and enti-*
5 *ties”.*

6 (b) *INCLUSION OF MALE HOMELESS VETERANS WITH*
7 *MINOR DEPENDENTS.—Subsection (b) of such section is*
8 *amended—*

9 (1) *in paragraph (1), by striking “, including*
10 *women who have care of minor dependents”;*

11 (2) *in paragraph (3), by striking “or”;*

12 (3) *in paragraph (4), by striking the period at*
13 *the end and inserting “; or”;* and

14 (4) *by adding at the end the following new para-*
15 *graph:*

16 “(5) *individuals who have care of minor depend-*
17 *ents.”.*

18 (c) *AUTHORIZATION OF PROVISION OF SERVICES TO*
19 *DEPENDENTS.—Such section is further amended—*

20 (1) *by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection*
21 *(d); and*

22 (2) *by inserting after subsection (b) the following*
23 *new subsection (c):*

24 “(c) *PROVISION OF SERVICES TO DEPENDENTS.—A re-*
25 *cipient of a grant under subsection (a) may use amounts*

1 *under the grant to provide services directly to a dependent*
 2 *of a homeless veteran with special needs who is under the*
 3 *care of such homeless veteran while such homeless veteran*
 4 *receives services from the grant recipient under this sec-*
 5 *tion.”.*

6 **SEC. 104. PROGRAM ON PREVENTION OF VETERAN HOME-**
 7 **LESSNESS.**

8 *(a) PROGRAM ON PREVENTION OF VETERAN HOME-*
 9 *LESSNESS.—*

10 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VII of chapter 20*
 11 *is amended by adding at the end the following new*
 12 *section:*

13 **“§2067. Prevention of veteran homelessness**

14 *“(a) PREVENTION OF VETERAN HOMELESSNESS.—Not*
 15 *later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this*
 16 *section, the Secretary shall establish a program to prevent*
 17 *veteran homelessness by—*

18 *“(1) identifying in a timely fashion any veteran*
 19 *who is homeless or at imminent risk of becoming*
 20 *homeless; and*

21 *“(2) providing, directly or in conjunction with*
 22 *an existing program, assistance to veterans identified*
 23 *under paragraph (1).*

24 *“(b) TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.—The assistance provided*
 25 *under subsection (a)(2) may include the following:*

1 “(1) *The provision of short-term or medium-term*
2 *rental assistance.*

3 “(2) *Housing relocation and stabilization serv-*
4 *ices, including housing search, mediation, and out-*
5 *reach to property owners.*

6 “(3) *Services to resolve personal credit issues*
7 *that have led to negative credit reports.*

8 “(4) *Assistance with paying security or utility*
9 *deposits and utility payments.*

10 “(5) *Assistance with covering costs associated*
11 *with moving.*

12 “(6) *A referral to a program of another depart-*
13 *ment or agency of the Federal Government.*

14 “(7) *Such other activities as the Secretary con-*
15 *siders appropriate to prevent veterans homelessness.*

16 “(c) *NO DUPLICATION OF SERVICES.—The Secretary*
17 *may provide assistance under subsection (a)(2) to a veteran*
18 *receiving supportive services from an eligible entity receiv-*
19 *ing financial assistance under section 2044 of this title only*
20 *to the extent that the assistance provided under subsection*
21 *(a)(2) does not duplicate the supportive services provided*
22 *to such veteran by such entity or by any other Federal,*
23 *State, or local entity.*

24 “(d) *PROTECTION FROM ABUSE.—To protect the pro-*
25 *gram established under subsection (a) from abuse, the Sec-*

1 *retary may establish a limit on the number of times that*
 2 *a particular veteran may receive assistance under the pro-*
 3 *gram in a fiscal year.*

4 “(e) *STAFFING.*—*The Secretary shall assign such em-*
 5 *ployees at such locations as the Secretary considers nec-*
 6 *essary to carry out this section.*”

7 “(f) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There are*
 8 *authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*
 9 *\$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014.*”.

10 (2) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sec-*
 11 *tions at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is*
 12 *amended by adding at the end the following new item:*

“2067. *Prevention of veteran homelessness.*”.

13 (b) *RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOMELESS VETERANS PRO-*
 14 *GRAM COORDINATORS.*—*Section 2003(a) is amended—*

15 (1) *in paragraph (3), by striking “The housing”*
 16 *and inserting “Any housing”;*

17 (2) *by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-*
 18 *graph (8); and*

19 (3) *by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-*
 20 *lowing new paragraph (7):*

21 “(7) *The program under section 2067 of this*
 22 *title.*”.

23 (c) *REPORT.*—

24 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after*
 25 *the date of the establishment of the program required*

1 *by section 2067 of title 38, United States Code, as*
 2 *added by subsection (a), the Secretary of Veterans Af-*
 3 *fairs shall submit to Congress a report on the oper-*
 4 *ation of such program.*

5 (2) *ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-*
 6 *graph (1) shall include the following:*

7 (A) *The types and sources of assistance pro-*
 8 *vided under such section 2067.*

9 (B) *An assessment of the effectiveness of the*
 10 *services provided under such section.*

11 **SEC. 105. HOMELESS VETERANS MANAGEMENT INFORMA-**
 12 **TION SYSTEM.**

13 (a) *IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VII of chapter 20, as*
 14 *amended by section 104, is further amended by adding at*
 15 *the end the following new section:*

16 **“§2068. Homeless Veterans Management Information**
 17 **System**

18 “(a) *METHOD FOR DATA COLLECTION AND AGGREGA-*
 19 *TION.—(1) Not later than one year after the date of the en-*
 20 *actment of this section, the Secretary shall, in consultation*
 21 *with the Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs of the De-*
 22 *partment of Housing and Urban Development and the*
 23 *United States Interagency Council on Homelessness estab-*
 24 *lished under section 201 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless*
 25 *Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11311), establish a method for*

1 *the collection and aggregation of data on homeless veterans*
2 *participating in programs of the Department of Veterans*
3 *Affairs and the Department of Housing and Urban Devel-*
4 *opment, including the following with respect to such vet-*
5 *erans:*

6 “(A) *Age, race, sex, disability status, marital*
7 *status, income, employment history, and whether the*
8 *veteran is a parent.*

9 “(B) *If the veteran received assistance for hous-*
10 *ing, the number of days that the veteran resided in*
11 *such housing and the type of such housing.*

12 “(C) *If the veteran is no longer participating in*
13 *a program of assistance for the homeless, the reason*
14 *the veteran left the program.*

15 “(2) *The method required by paragraph (1) shall en-*
16 *sure that each veteran is counted only once.*

17 “(b) *ANNUAL DATA COLLECTION AND AGGREGA-*
18 *TION.—Not later than one year after the method is estab-*
19 *lished under subsection (a), and annually thereafter, the*
20 *Secretary shall collect and aggregate data using the method*
21 *established under subsection (a).*

22 “(c) *ANNUAL REPORTS.—Not later than two years*
23 *after the date of enactment of this section and annually*
24 *thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report*
25 *on the data collected and aggregated under subsection (b).*

1 “(d) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—There
2 *are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this sec-*
3 *tion—*

4 “(1) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 2010; and

5 “(2) such sums as may be necessary for fiscal
6 *years 2011 through 2014.*”.

7 “(b) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—The table of sections at
8 *the beginning of chapter 20 is amended by adding at the*
9 *end the following new item:*

 “2068. *Homeless Veterans Management Information System.*”.

10 **SEC. 106. RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS THROUGH**
11 **DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DE-**
12 **VELOPMENT.**

13 Section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of
14 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) is amended to read as fol-
15 *lows:*

16 “(19) *RENTAL VOUCHERS FOR VETERANS AF-*
17 *FAIRS SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM.*—

18 “(A) *RENTAL VOUCHERS.*—The Secretary
19 *shall make available to public housing agencies*
20 *described in subparagraph (C) the amounts de-*
21 *scribed in subparagraph (B), to provide rental*
22 *assistance through a supported housing program*
23 *administered in conjunction with the Depart-*
24 *ment of Veterans Affairs.*

1 “(B) *AMOUNT.*—*The amounts specified in*
2 *this subparagraph are the amounts necessary to*
3 *ensure that—*

4 “(i) *not more than 30,000 vouchers for*
5 *rental assistance under this paragraph are*
6 *outstanding at any one time during fiscal*
7 *year 2010;*

8 “(ii) *not more than 40,000 vouchers for*
9 *rental assistance under this paragraph are*
10 *outstanding at any one time during fiscal*
11 *year 2011;*

12 “(iii) *not more than 50,000 vouchers*
13 *for rental assistance under this paragraph*
14 *are outstanding at any one time during fis-*
15 *cal year 2012; and*

16 “(iv) *not more than 60,000 vouchers*
17 *for rental assistance under this paragraph*
18 *are outstanding at any one time during fis-*
19 *cal year 2013 and each fiscal year there-*
20 *after.*

21 “(C) *PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCIES.*—*A pub-*
22 *lic housing agency described in this subpara-*
23 *graph is a public housing agency that—*

24 “(i) *has a partnership with a Depart-*
25 *ment of Veterans Affairs medical center or*

1 *an entity determined to be appropriate by*
2 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;*

3 “(ii) *is located in an area that the Sec-*
4 *retary of Veterans Affairs determines has a*
5 *high concentration of veterans in need of as-*
6 *sistance;*

7 “(iii) *has demonstrated expertise in*
8 *providing housing for homeless individuals;*
9 *and*

10 “(iv) *meets any other criteria that the*
11 *Secretary, in consultation with the Sec-*
12 *retary of Veterans Affairs may prescribe.*

13 “(D) *CASE MANAGEMENT.—The Secretary*
14 *of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that the case*
15 *managers described in section 2003(b) of title 38,*
16 *United States Code, provide appropriate case*
17 *management for each veteran who receives rental*
18 *assistance under this paragraph that—*

19 “(i) *assists the veteran in—*

20 “(I) *locating available housing;*

21 “(II) *working with the appro-*
22 *priate public housing agency;*

23 “(III) *accessing benefits and*
24 *health services provided by the Depart-*
25 *ment of Veterans Affairs and other de-*

1 *partments and agencies of the Federal*
2 *Government;*

3 *“(IV) negotiating with landlords;*
4 *and*

5 *“(V) other areas, as the Secretary*
6 *determines is necessary to help the vet-*
7 *eran maintain housing or avoid home-*
8 *lessness; and*

9 *“(ii) ensures that a veteran with a se-*
10 *vere disability, including a veteran that has*
11 *been homeless for a substantial period of*
12 *time, is referred to sufficient supportive*
13 *services to provide the veteran with stable*
14 *housing, including—*

15 *“(I) mental health services, in-*
16 *cluding treatment and recovery sup-*
17 *port services;*

18 *“(II) substance abuse treatment*
19 *and recovery support services, includ-*
20 *ing counseling, treatment planning, re-*
21 *covery coaching, and relapse preven-*
22 *tion;*

23 *“(III) integrated, coordinated*
24 *treatment and recovery support serv-*
25 *ices for co-occurring disorders;*

1 “(IV) health education, including
2 referrals for medical and dental care;

3 “(V) services designed to help in-
4 dividuals make progress toward self-
5 sufficiency and recovery, including job
6 training, assistance in seeking employ-
7 ment, benefits advocacy, money man-
8 agement, life-skills training, self-help
9 programs, and engagement and moti-
10 vational interventions;

11 “(VI) parental skills and family
12 support; and

13 “(VII) other supportive services
14 that promote an end to chronic home-
15 lessness.”.

16 **SEC. 107. SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS IN**
17 **OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND**
18 **URBAN DEVELOPMENT.**

19 Section 4 of the Department of Housing and Urban
20 Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3533) is amended by adding
21 at the end the following new subsection:

22 “(g) **SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS.**—
23 “(1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There shall be in the
24 Department a Special Assistant for Veterans Affairs,
25 who shall be in the Office of the Secretary.

1 “(2) *APPOINTMENT.*—*The Special Assistant for*
2 *Veterans Affairs shall be appointed by the Secretary,*
3 *based solely on merit and shall be covered under the*
4 *provisions of title 5, United States Code, governing*
5 *appointments in the competitive service.*

6 “(3) *RESPONSIBILITIES.*—*The Special Assistant*
7 *for Veterans Affairs shall be responsible for—*

8 “(A) *ensuring that veterans have access to*
9 *housing and homeless assistance under each pro-*
10 *gram of the Department providing such assist-*
11 *ance;*

12 “(B) *coordinating all programs and activi-*
13 *ties of the Department relating to veterans; and*

14 “(C) *carrying out such other duties as may*
15 *be assigned to the Special Assistant by the Sec-*
16 *retary or by law.”.*

17 **SEC. 108. PLAN TO END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS.**

18 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than one year after the*
19 *date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Af-*
20 *fairs shall submit to Congress a comprehensive plan to end*
21 *homelessness among veterans that includes—*

22 “(1) *an analysis of programs of the Department*
23 *of Veterans Affairs and other departments and agen-*
24 *cies of the Federal Government that are designed to*

1 *prevent homelessness among veterans and assist vet-*
2 *erans who are homeless;*

3 *(2) an evaluation of whether and how partner-*
4 *ships between the programs described in paragraph*
5 *(1) would contribute to ending homelessness among*
6 *veterans;*

7 *(3) recommendations for improving the pro-*
8 *grams described in paragraph (1), creating partner-*
9 *ships between such programs, or eliminating pro-*
10 *grams that are no longer effective;*

11 *(4) recommendations for new programs to pre-*
12 *vent and end homelessness among veterans, including*
13 *an estimation of the cost of such programs;*

14 *(5) a timeline for implementing the plan; and*

15 *(6) such other information as the Secretary de-*
16 *termines necessary.*

17 *(b) CONSIDERATION OF VETERANS LOCATED IN RURAL*
18 *AREAS.—The analysis, evaluation, and recommendations*
19 *included in the report required by subsection (a) shall in-*
20 *clude consideration of the circumstances and requirements*
21 *that are unique to veterans located in rural areas.*

1 **TITLE II—TOXIC SUBSTANCES**
2 **EXPOSURE**

3 **SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE**
4 **FOR VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES WHO**
5 **SERVED IN PERSIAN GULF WAR NOTWITH-**
6 **STANDING LACK OF EVIDENCE TO CONCLUDE**
7 **SUCH DISABILITIES ARE ASSOCIATED WITH**
8 **SUCH SERVICE.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subsection (e)(3)(B) of section
10 1710 is amended by inserting after “December 31, 2002”
11 the following: “, except that such care and services may also
12 be provided to such a veteran during the period beginning
13 on the date of the enactment of the Homeless Veterans and
14 Other Veterans Health Care Authorities Act of 2010 and
15 ending on December 31, 2012”.

16 (b) *TECHNICAL CORRECTION.*—Subsection (a)(2)(F) of
17 such section is amended by striking “conditions” and in-
18 serting “occupational or environmental hazards”.

**TITLE III—HEALTH CARE
MATTERS**

1 **SEC. 301. INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED ASSIST-**
2 **ANT SECRETARIES AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT**
3 **SECRETARIES.**

4 *(a) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED ASSIST-*
5 *ANT SECRETARIES; REVISION OF FUNCTIONS.—Section 308*
6 *is amended—*

7 *(1) in subsection (a), by striking “seven” and in-*
8 *serting “eight” in the first sentence; and*

9 *(2) in subsection (b)—*

10 *(A) in paragraph (6), by striking “Capital”*
11 *and inserting “Construction capital”; and*

12 *(B) in paragraph (10) by striking “Pro-*
13 *curement” and inserting “Acquisition”.*

14 *(b) INCREASE IN NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED DEPUTY*
15 *ASSISTANT SECRETARIES.—Section 308(d)(1) is amended*
16 *by striking “19” and inserting “27” in the first sentence.*

17 *(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 38, UNITED*
18 *STATES CODE.—Title 38, United States Code, is amended*
19 *as follows:*

20 *(1) Section 312A is repealed.*

21 *(2) The table of sections at the beginning of*
22 *chapter 3 is amended by striking the item relating to*
23 *section 312A.*

1 (d) *CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO TITLE 5, UNITED*
 2 *STATES CODE.*—Section 5315 of title 5, United States
 3 Code, is amended by striking “Assistant Secretaries, De-
 4 partment of Veterans Affairs (7)” and inserting “Assistant
 5 Secretaries, Department of Veterans Affairs (8)”.

6 **SEC. 302. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIRECTOR OF PHYSICIAN AS-**
 7 **SISTANT SERVICES IN VETERANS HEALTH AD-**
 8 **MINISTRATION.**

9 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—Section 7306(a) is amended by
 10 striking paragraph (9) and inserting the following new
 11 paragraph (9):

12 “(9) *The Director of Physician Assistant Serv-*
 13 *ices, who shall—*

14 “(A) *serve in a full-time capacity at the*
 15 *Central Office of the Department;*

16 “(B) *be a qualified physician assistant; and*

17 “(C) *be responsible and report directly to*
 18 *the Chief Patient Care Services Officer of the*
 19 *Veterans Health Administration on all matters*
 20 *relating to the education and training, employ-*
 21 *ment, appropriate utilization, and optimal par-*
 22 *ticipation of physician assistants within the pro-*
 23 *grams and initiatives of the Administration.”.*

24 (b) *DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.*—*The Secretary*
 25 *of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that an individual is serv-*

1 *ing as the Director of Physician Assistant Services under*
2 *paragraph (9) of section 7306(a) of title 38, United States*
3 *Code, as amended by subsection (a), by not later than 120*
4 *days after the date of the enactment of this Act.*

5 **SEC. 303. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL**
6 **CENTER QUALITY REPORT CARD INITIATIVE.**

7 (a) *PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro-*
8 *vide for the establishment within the Department of Vet-*
9 *erans Affairs of an initiative (to be known as the “Medical*
10 *Center Quality Report Card Initiative”)* to ensure that in-
11 *formation on the quality and performance of medical cen-*
12 *ters administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs is*
13 *readily available and accessible for purposes as follows:*

14 (1) *To inform patients and consumers about*
15 *health care quality in such medical centers.*

16 (2) *To assist health care providers of the Depart-*
17 *ment in identifying opportunities for quality im-*
18 *provement and cost containment.*

19 (3) *To enhance the understanding of policy mak-*
20 *ers and public officials of health care issues, raise*
21 *public awareness of medical center quality issues, and*
22 *help constituents of such policy makers and officials*
23 *identify quality health care options for the Depart-*
24 *ment.*

1 (b) *ESTABLISHMENT.*—Subchapter I of chapter 17 is
 2 amended by inserting after section 1706 the following new
 3 section:

4 **“§ 1706A. Management of health care: Medical Center**
 5 **Quality Report Card Initiative**

6 “(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Not later than 18 months after the
 7 date of the enactment of the Homeless Veterans and Other
 8 Veterans Health Care Authorities Act of 2010, the Secretary
 9 shall establish and implement an initiative, to be known
 10 as the ‘Medical Center Quality Report Card Initiative’ (in
 11 this section referred to as the ‘Initiative’), to publish infor-
 12 mation on health care quality in Department medical cen-
 13 ters.

14 “(b) *PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON QUALITY AND*
 15 *PERFORMANCE OF DEPARTMENT MEDICAL CENTERS.*—
 16 (1)(A) Under the Initiative, not less frequently than twice
 17 each year, the Secretary shall make available to the public,
 18 on the Hospital Compare website of the Centers for Med-
 19 icaid and Medicare Services, data consisting of the most
 20 current information on the quality and performance of each
 21 Department medical center. Such information shall include
 22 quality measures that allow for an assessment with respect
 23 to health care provided by Department medical centers, of
 24 the following:

25 “(i) *Effectiveness.*

1 “(ii) *Safety.*

2 “(iii) *Timeliness.*

3 “(iv) *Efficiency.*

4 “(v) *Patient-centeredness.*

5 “(vi) *Patient satisfaction.*

6 “(vii) *Satisfaction of health professionals em-*
7 *ployed at Department medical centers.*

8 “(viii) *The equity of care provided to various*
9 *patient populations, including female, geriatric, dis-*
10 *abled, rural, homeless, mentally ill, and racial and*
11 *ethnic minority populations.*

12 “(B) *For each quality measure made available under*
13 *subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall include—*

14 “(i) *quality measures that are common to the*
15 *health care industry and are based on information re-*
16 *ported in paragraph (2); and*

17 “(ii) *such other information as the Secretary*
18 *considers appropriate.*

19 “(C) *The Secretary shall conduct focus groups with*
20 *veterans to identify additional types of quality information*
21 *and display formats regarding such quality measures that*
22 *would be meaningful to the needs of veterans.*

23 “(2)(A) *In making data available pursuant to para-*
24 *graph (1), the Secretary shall, except as provided in sub-*
25 *paragraph (B), include to the maximum extent practicable*

1 *information about Department medical centers using best*
2 *available measures that reflect emerging quality and safety*
3 *trends and the priorities of veteran-centered care.*

4 “(B) *In making data available to the public under*
5 *paragraph (1), the Secretary may provide information in*
6 *addition to the information required by subparagraph (A)*
7 *or provide information in lieu of the information required*
8 *by subparagraph (A) if the Secretary—*

9 “(i) *not later than 15 days before the date on*
10 *which such data is made available to the public, sub-*
11 *mits to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Sen-*
12 *ate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the*
13 *House of Representatives a certification in writing*
14 *that such additional or substituted information is*
15 *more appropriate for purposes of carrying out the re-*
16 *quirement of paragraph (2)(B); and*

17 “(ii) *includes with such data and in such certifi-*
18 *cation an indication of which information has been*
19 *added or substituted under this subparagraph.*

20 “(3)(A) *In making data available as provided for*
21 *under paragraph (1), the Secretary may make risk adjust-*
22 *ments to quality measures to account for differences relating*
23 *to—*

1 “(i) the characteristics of a Department medical
2 center, such as licensed bed size, geography, and
3 teaching hospital status; and

4 “(ii) patient characteristics, such as health sta-
5 tus, severity of illness, and socioeconomic status.

6 “(B) If the Secretary makes data available under
7 paragraph (1) using risk-adjusted quality measures, the
8 Secretary shall establish procedures for making the
9 unadjusted data available to the public in a manner deter-
10 mined appropriate by the Secretary.

11 “(4) Under the Initiative, the Secretary may verify
12 data made available under this subsection to ensure accu-
13 racy and validity.

14 “(5) Before disclosing to the public any data under
15 this subsection, the Secretary shall disclose the methodology
16 for the publication of such data and the nature and scope
17 of such data to—

18 “(A) each organization the Secretary considers
19 relevant to such data; and

20 “(B) each Department medical center that is the
21 subject of such data.

22 “(6)(A) The Secretary shall submit to the Committee
23 on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
24 Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives a copy of

1 *each set of data made available to the public under para-*
2 *graph (1).*

3 “(B) *The Secretary shall ensure that each set of data*
4 *made available to the public under paragraph (1) is made*
5 *available—*

6 “(i) *in an electronic format;*

7 “(ii) *in a manner that can be understood by in-*
8 *dividuals who are not medical professionals and indi-*
9 *viduals with low functional health literacy; and*

10 “(iii) *at each Department medical center covered*
11 *by the set of data.*

12 “(C) *The Secretary shall ensure that information on*
13 *health care quality made available under paragraph (1) is*
14 *made available in a manner that is conducive for compari-*
15 *sons with other local medical centers or regional medical*
16 *centers, as appropriate.*

17 “(D) *The Secretary shall establish procedures for mak-*
18 *ing the information included in the data made available*
19 *to the public under paragraph (1) available to the public*
20 *upon request in non-electronic format, such as through a*
21 *toll-free telephone number.*

22 “(7) *The analytic methodologies and limitations on in-*
23 *formation sources utilized by the Secretary to develop and*
24 *disseminate comparative information under this subsection*
25 *shall be identified and acknowledged in a notice or dis-*

1 *claimer as part of the dissemination of such information,*
2 *and include the appropriate and inappropriate uses of such*
3 *information.*

4 “(c) *IDENTIFYING AND REPORTING ACTIONS THAT*
5 *COULD LEAD TO FALSE OR ARTIFICIAL IMPROVEMENTS IN*
6 *QUALITY MEASUREMENTS.*—*Not less frequently than annu-*
7 *ally, the Secretary shall compare quality measures data*
8 *submitted by each Department medical center to the Sec-*
9 *retary with quality measures data submitted to the Sec-*
10 *retary in the prior year or years by each such Department*
11 *medical center in order to identify and report actions that*
12 *could lead to false or artificial improvements in the quality*
13 *measurements of such Department medical centers for pur-*
14 *poses of this section.*

15 “(d) *PRIVACY AND SECURITY.*—(1) *The Secretary shall*
16 *develop and implement effective safeguards to protect*
17 *against the unauthorized use or disclosure of Department*
18 *medical center data that is made available under this sec-*
19 *tion.*

20 “(2) *The Secretary shall develop and implement effec-*
21 *tive safeguards to protect against the dissemination under*
22 *this section of inconsistent, incomplete, invalid, inaccurate,*
23 *or subjective Department medical center data.*

24 “(3) *The Secretary shall ensure that identifiable pa-*
25 *tient data is not released to the public under this section.*

1 “(e) *REPORTS.*—(1) *The Secretary shall periodically*
2 *submit to Congress a report on the effectiveness of the Ini-*
3 *tiative.*

4 “(2) *Each report required by paragraph (1) shall in-*
5 *clude the following:*

6 “(A) *An assessment of the effectiveness of the Ini-*
7 *tiative in meeting the purpose described in section*
8 *302(a) of the Homeless Veterans and Other Veterans*
9 *Health Care Authorities Act of 2010.*

10 “(B) *If necessary, a description of the measures*
11 *the Secretary can undertake to ensure that the Initia-*
12 *tive meets such purpose.*

13 “(3) *The Secretary shall carry out each measure the*
14 *Secretary includes in a report under paragraph (2)(B).*

15 “(4) *The Secretary shall make each report submitted*
16 *under paragraph (1) available to the public.*

17 “(f) *DEPARTMENT MEDICAL CENTER DEFINED.*—*In*
18 *this section, the term ‘Department medical center’ means*
19 *a Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center adminis-*
20 *tered by the Secretary.*

21 “(g) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—*There*
22 *are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section*
23 *such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2010*
24 *through 2018.”.*

1 (c) *CLERICAL AMENDMENT.*—*The table of sections at*
 2 *the beginning of chapter 17 is amended by inserting after*
 3 *the item relating to section 1706 the following new item:*

“1706A. Management of health care: Medical Center Quality Report Card Initiative.”.

4 **SEC. 304. REPORT ON PAY-FOR-PERFORMANCE COMPENSA-**
 5 **TION UNDER HEALTH CARE SERVICES CON-**
 6 **TRACTS.**

7 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Not later than 180 days after the*
 8 *date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans*
 9 *Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*
 10 *of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of*
 11 *the House of Representatives a report on the use by the De-*
 12 *partment of Veterans Affairs of pay-for-performance com-*
 13 *pensation mechanisms in the provision of health care serv-*
 14 *ices in contracts which compensate contractors of the De-*
 15 *partment for the provision of health care services through*
 16 *community based outpatient clinics.*

17 (b) *ELEMENTS.*—*The report required by subsection (a)*
 18 *shall include the following:*

19 (1) *An assessment of the feasibility and advis-*
 20 *ability of utilizing pay-for-performance compensation*
 21 *mechanisms in the provision of health care services by*
 22 *the Department in contracts described in subsection*
 23 *(a).*

1 (2) *The number of community based outpatient*
2 *clinics of the Department that were operating under*
3 *a pay-for-performance compensation mechanism in*
4 *the provision of health care services on the day before*
5 *the date of the enactment of this Act and the impact*
6 *such mechanisms have had with respect to—*

7 (A) *providing incentives for community*
8 *based outpatient clinics to provide high quality*
9 *health care; and*

10 (B) *providing incentives to better assure pa-*
11 *tient satisfaction.*

12 (c) *INCORPORATION OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES OF*
13 *PRIVATE HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS.—In meeting the re-*
14 *quirements of this section the Secretary shall incorporate*
15 *the views and experiences of representatives of at least two*
16 *private health care systems that have utilized pay-for-per-*
17 *formance compensation mechanisms in the operation of*
18 *medical clinics to ascertain whether such mechanisms have*
19 *had an effect on the delivery of quality, timely, medical care*
20 *in the private sector.*

21 **SEC. 305. EXPANSION OF STATE HOME CARE FOR PARENTS**
22 **OF VETERANS WHO DIED WHILE SERVING IN**
23 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

24 *In administering section 51.210(d) of title 38, Code*
25 *of Federal Regulations, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs*

1 *shall permit a State home to provide services to, in addition*
2 *to non-veterans described in such subsection, a non-veteran*
3 *any of whose children died while serving in the Armed*
4 *Forces.*

5 **SEC. 306. AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT OF ELIGIBLE DEMOBI-**
6 **LIZING MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD**
7 **AND RESERVE IN HEALTH CARE AND DENTAL**
8 **CARE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**
9 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

10 *(a) AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT.—*

11 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*
12 *the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of*
13 *Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation and coordina-*
14 *tion with the Secretary of Defense, take appropriate*
15 *actions to provide for the automatic enrollment of*
16 *covered members in the health care or dental care pro-*
17 *grams for veterans of the Department of Veterans Af-*
18 *airs for which they will be eligible upon discharge or*
19 *release from active duty in the Armed Forces.*

20 *(2) COVERED MEMBERS.—In this section, a cov-*
21 *ered member is any member of a reserve component*
22 *of the Armed Forces who is being discharged or re-*
23 *leased from active duty in the Armed Forces and who*
24 *upon such discharge or release will be eligible to par-*

1 *ticipate in a health care or dental care program for*
2 *veterans of the Department of Veterans Affairs.*

3 (3) *ENROLLMENT DURING DEMOBILIZATION AND*
4 *DISCHARGE PROCESS.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
5 *fairs shall, in consultation and coordination with the*
6 *Secretary of Defense, ensure that the automatic enroll-*
7 *ment described in paragraph (1) occurs during the*
8 *participation of covered members in the demobiliza-*
9 *tion and discharge process used for members of the re-*
10 *serve components of the Armed Forces.*

11 (b) *ASSISTANCE.—*

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.—In providing for the enroll-*
13 *ment of covered members under subsection (a), the*
14 *Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation*
15 *and coordination with the Secretary of Defense, pro-*
16 *vide covered members assistance in the completion of*
17 *any enrollment activities required under such sub-*
18 *section. Such assistance shall be provided during the*
19 *demobilization and discharge process of such members*
20 *utilizing such personnel of the Department of Vet-*
21 *erans Affairs, including personnel of the Veterans*
22 *Health Administration and the Veterans Benefits Ad-*
23 *ministration, as the Secretary shall assign for such*
24 *purposes.*

1 (2) *EDUCATION AND OUTREACH.*—*In providing*
2 *assistance under paragraph (1) to covered members,*
3 *the personnel of the Department providing such as-*
4 *sistance shall also provide such members—*

5 (A) *information about the programs, bene-*
6 *fits, and services of the Department for which*
7 *they may be eligible, including—*

8 (i) *how such members can apply for*
9 *and access such programs, benefits, and*
10 *services; and*

11 (ii) *the advantages of enrolling in such*
12 *programs, benefits, and services; and*

13 (B) *a list of Department of Veterans Affairs*
14 *medical facilities, including medical centers, out-*
15 *patient clinics, mental health centers, and bene-*
16 *fits offices located within 100 miles of the resi-*
17 *dence in which the covered member will first re-*
18 *side after being discharged or released from ac-*
19 *tive duty in the Armed Forces.*

20 (c) *PERSONNEL.*—*Beginning not later than 180 days*
21 *after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
22 *of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation and coordination*
23 *with the Secretary of Defense and the appropriate officials*
24 *of each State, ensure that sufficient personnel are present,*
25 *including such personnel as are assigned under subsection*

1 *(b)(1), at each demobilization and discharge event of a re-*
2 *serve component of the Armed Forces for the performance*
3 *by covered members of any enrollment activities pursuant*
4 *to subsection (a) and for any assistance in the performance*
5 *of such activities under subsection (b).*

6 *(d) FACILITIES AND OTHER RESOURCES.—Beginning*
7 *not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of*
8 *this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that the fa-*
9 *cilities and other resources (including space and computer*
10 *facilities) for the demobilization and discharge process used*
11 *for members of reserve components of the Armed Forces in-*
12 *clude adequate facilities and resources for the performance*
13 *by covered members of any enrollment activities required*
14 *under subsection (a) and for any assistance in the perform-*
15 *ance of such activities under subsection (b).*

16 *(e) PROTECTION OF PRIVACY.—Any enrollment activi-*
17 *ties performed by covered members pursuant to subsection*
18 *(a) shall provide appropriate protections for the privacy of*
19 *such members and their personal information in accordance*
20 *with applicable requirements of law.*

21 *(f) OPT OUT PROVISIONS.—*

22 *(1) OPTION NOT TO ENROLL.—During the demo-*
23 *bilization and discharge process for a covered member*
24 *and prior to enrolling the member pursuant to sub-*
25 *section (a), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in*

1 *coordination with the Secretary of Defense, provide*
2 *the member with the option to decline such enroll-*
3 *ment.*

4 (2) *NOTICE TO SECRETARY; PROHIBITION ON EN-*
5 *ROLLMENT.—If a covered member provides notice to*
6 *the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that the member de-*
7 *clines enrollment under paragraph (1), the Secretary*
8 *may not enroll the member pursuant to subsection*
9 *(a).*

10 (g) *CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this section shall be*
11 *construed to require a member of a reserve component of*
12 *the Armed Forces to participate in any health care or den-*
13 *tal care program or use any service of the Department of*
14 *Veterans Affairs.*

15 (h) *REPORTS.—*

16 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after*
17 *the date of the enactment of this Act and each year*
18 *thereafter for five years, the Secretary of Veterans Af-*
19 *airs shall, in consultation and coordination with the*
20 *Secretary of Defense, submit a report on the imple-*
21 *mentation of the requirements of this section to—*

22 (A) *the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and*
23 *the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;*
24 *and*

1 (B) *the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and*
2 *the Committee on Appropriations of the House of*
3 *Representatives.*

4 (2) *ELEMENTS.—Each report required by para-*
5 *graph (1) shall include the following:*

6 (A) *A description of the activities under-*
7 *taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to*
8 *carry out the requirements of this section.*

9 (B) *An assessment of the effect of such ac-*
10 *tivities on—*

11 (i) *the enrollment of covered members*
12 *in health care and dental care programs for*
13 *veterans of the Department of Veterans Af-*
14 *fairs; and*

15 (ii) *the participation of such members*
16 *in such programs.*

17 (C) *An assessment of the potential budg-*
18 *etary impact and demand for services that ac-*
19 *tions taken under subsection (a) may have on the*
20 *Department of Veterans Affairs and any need for*
21 *additional staff or resources to meet that de-*
22 *mand.*

23 (D) *Such recommendations for legislative or*
24 *administrative action as the Secretary of Vet-*
25 *erans Affairs considers appropriate in order to*

1 *improve or enhance the requirements of this sec-*
2 *tion so as to further facilitate the enrollment of*
3 *covered members in health care and dental care*
4 *programs for veterans of the Department of Vet-*
5 *erans Affairs.*

6 *(E) Such other matters with respect to the*
7 *requirements of this section as the Secretary of*
8 *Veterans Affairs considers appropriate.*

9 *(i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

10 *(1) ENROLLMENT.—The term “enrollment”, with*
11 *respect to a covered member in a health care or dental*
12 *care program for veterans of the Department of Vet-*
13 *erans Affairs, means the collection and recording of*
14 *appropriate information on such member in the rec-*
15 *ordkeeping system of the Department of Veterans Af-*
16 *fairs to facilitate participation of such member in*
17 *such program if such member is eligible for such par-*
18 *ticipation and elects such participation.*

19 *(2) STATE.—The term “State” means each of the*
20 *several States of the United States, the District of Co-*
21 *lumbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or posses-*
22 *sion of the United States.*

1 **SEC. 307. PROVISION OF CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES TO VET-**
2 **ERANS ENROLLED IN HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**
3 **OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) *COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON CHIROPRACTIC SERV-*
5 *ICES.—*

6 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than October 1,*
7 *2010, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop*
8 *and implement a comprehensive policy on the provi-*
9 *sion of chiropractic services provided at the expense*
10 *of the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans en-*
11 *rolled in the health care system of the Department.*

12 (2) *SCOPE OF POLICY.—The policy required by*
13 *paragraph (1) shall cover each of the following:*

14 (A) *The Department-wide protocols gov-*
15 *erning referrals for chiropractic services.*

16 (B) *The Department-wide protocols gov-*
17 *erning direct access to chiropractic services.*

18 (C) *The Department-wide protocols gov-*
19 *erning the scope of practice of chiropractic prac-*
20 *titioners.*

21 (D) *The definition of chiropractic services*
22 *to be provided.*

23 (E) *The assurance of prompt and appro-*
24 *priate chiropractic services by the Department,*
25 *system-wide, when medically appropriate.*

1 (F) Department programs of education and
2 training for health care personnel of the Depart-
3 ment regarding the benefits of chiropractic serv-
4 ices.

5 (G) Department programs of patient edu-
6 cation for veterans suffering from back pain and
7 related disorders.

8 (3) *UPDATES.*—The Secretary shall revise the
9 policy required by paragraph (1) on a periodic basis
10 in accordance with experience and evolving best prac-
11 tice guidelines.

12 (4) *CONSULTATION.*—The Secretary shall develop
13 the policy required by paragraph (1), and revise such
14 policy under paragraph (3), in consultation with vet-
15 erans service organizations and other organizations
16 with expertise regarding the benefits of chiropractic
17 services.

18 (b) *LOCATIONS FOR PROVISION OF CHIROPRACTIC*
19 *SERVICES.*—In carrying out the policy required by sub-
20 section (a), the Secretary shall provide chiropractic services
21 at—

22 (1) not less than two locations in each Veterans
23 Integrated Service Network (VISN); and

24 (2) such locations as the Secretary considers ap-
25 propriate based on the Secretary's assessment of de-

1 *mand for chiropractic services provided by the De-*
2 *partment, including consideration of the following:*

3 *(A) The average time a veteran seeking*
4 *chiropractic services from the Department is re-*
5 *quired to wait for such services.*

6 *(B) Rates of fee-based care.*

7 *(C) Such other considerations as the Sec-*
8 *retary considers appropriate.*

9 *(c) ANNUAL REPORT.—*

10 *(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after*
11 *the date of the completion and initial implementation*
12 *of the policy required by subsection (a)(1) and on Oc-*
13 *tober 1 of every fiscal year thereafter through fiscal*
14 *year 2020, the Secretary shall submit to the Com-*
15 *mittee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the*
16 *Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-*
17 *resentatives a report on the implementation of the*
18 *policy required by subsection (a)(1).*

19 *(2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-*
20 *graph (1) shall include the following:*

21 *(A) A description of the policy developed*
22 *and implemented under paragraph (1) of sub-*
23 *section (a) and any revisions to such policy*
24 *under paragraph (3) of such subsection.*

1 (B) *A description of the performance meas-*
2 *ures used to determine the effectiveness of such*
3 *policy in improving the availability of chiro-*
4 *practic services for veterans system-wide.*

5 (C) *An assessment of the adequacy of De-*
6 *partment chiropractic services based on a survey*
7 *of patients managed in Department clinics.*

8 (D) *An assessment of the training provided*
9 *to Department health care personnel with respect*
10 *to the benefits of chiropractic services and the*
11 *appropriate referral of patients for chiropractic*
12 *services.*

13 (E) *An assessment of the patient pain care*
14 *education programs of the Department.*

15 (F) *The number of episodes of chiropractic*
16 *services (including referrals for chiropractic serv-*
17 *ices to non-Department providers) granted in the*
18 *preceding fiscal year, disaggregated by facility.*

19 (d) *VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.—In*
20 *this section, the term “veterans service organization” means*
21 *any organization recognized by the Secretary for the rep-*
22 *resentation of veterans under section 5902 of title 38,*
23 *United States Code.*

1 **SEC. 308. NAME OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
 2 **OUTPATIENT CLINIC, ALEXANDRIA, MIN-**
 3 **NESOTA.**

4 (a) *DESIGNATION.*—*The Department of Veterans Af-*
 5 *fairs outpatient clinic in Alexandria, Minnesota, shall after*
 6 *the date of the enactment of this Act be known and des-*
 7 *ignated as the “Max J. Beilke Department of Veterans Af-*
 8 *fairs Outpatient Clinic”.*

9 (b) *REFERENCES.*—*Any reference in any law, regula-*
 10 *tion, map, document, record, or other paper of the United*
 11 *States to the outpatient clinic referred to in subsection (a)*
 12 *shall be considered to be a reference to the Max J. Beilke*
 13 *Department of Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic.*

14 **TITLE IV—OTHER MATTERS**

15 **SEC. 401. FUNDING.**

16 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subsection (b), amounts*
 17 *to carry out this Act and the amendments made by this*
 18 *Act shall be derived, in whole or in part, from the following:*

19 (1) *In fiscal years after fiscal year 2009, from*
 20 *amounts appropriated or otherwise available for fiscal*
 21 *year 2009 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for*
 22 *medical services that remain available for obligation*
 23 *as of the date of the enactment of this Act.*

24 (2) *In fiscal years after fiscal year 2010, from*
 25 *amounts appropriated or otherwise available for fiscal*
 26 *year 2010 for the Department of Veterans Affairs for*

1 *medical services that remain available for obligation*
2 *as of October 1, 2010.*

3 *(b) LIMITATION.—Amounts described in subsection (a)*
4 *shall not be available in accordance with that subsection*
5 *to the extent, as determined by the Secretary, the avail-*
6 *ability of such amounts in accordance with that subsection*
7 *would otherwise limit or impede the delivery of health care*
8 *services to veterans.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of assistance to homeless veterans and the provision of health care to veterans, and for other purposes.”.

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A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to expand the grant program for homeless veterans with special needs to include male homeless veterans with minor dependents and to establish a grant program for reintegration of homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children, and for other purposes.

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Reported with an amendment and an amendment to the
title