

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4656

To amend title 10, United States Code, to improve access to mental health services under the TRICARE program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2014

Mr. GARDNER (for himself and Mrs. CAPPs) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Caring for America’s
5 Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH**
7 **SERVICES UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) **ELIMINATION OF LIMIT ON DAYS OF INPATIENT**
9 **SERVICES.**—Section 1079 of title 10, United States Code,
10 is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) by striking paragraph (6); and

3 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (7)
4 through (17) as paragraphs (6) through (16),
5 respectively;

6 (2) by striking subsection (i); and

7 (3) by redesignating subsections (j) through (q)
8 as subsections (i) through (p), respectively.

9 (b) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT FOR NONAVAIL-
10 ABILITY STATEMENT OR PREAUTHORIZATION.—Section
11 721(a) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Author-
12 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (10 U.S.C. 1073 note)
13 is amended by striking “(other than mental health serv-
14 ices)”.

15 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 55 of title
16 10, United States Code, is amended—

17 (1) in section 1079(e)(7), by striking “sub-
18 section (a)(13)” and inserting “subsection (a)(12)”;

19 (2) in section 1086—

20 (A) in subsection (d)(4)(A)(ii), by striking
21 “section 1079(j)(1)” and inserting “section
22 1079(i)(1)”; and

23 (B) in subsection (g), by striking “Section
24 1079(j)” and inserting “Section 1079(i)”; and

1 (3) in section 1105(c), by striking “section
2 1079(a)(7)” and inserting “section 1079(a)(6)”.

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