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H. R. 1433

To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand preventive health care services under the TRICARE program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. LEE, Ms. BORDALLO, Ms. ROSEN, and Mr. GARAMENDI) 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 “Strengthening Preven-
5 tive Health Care for Service Members Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF TRICARE-COVERED PREVENTIVE**
2 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES.**

3 (a) EXPANSION OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE
4 SERVICES.—Section 1074d of title 10, United States
5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
7 section (c); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
9 lowing new subsection:

10 “(b) ADDITIONAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE
11 SERVICES.—(1) In addition to the preventive services pro-
12 vided under subsection (a), persons entitled to medical
13 care under this chapter shall also be entitled, to the extent
14 practicable, to the coverage of preventive health services
15 comparable to the coverage required to be provided by a
16 group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering
17 group or individual health insurance coverage under sec-
18 tion 2713 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
19 300gg–13). Such entitlement shall supersede any other-
20 wise applicable exclusions to the contrary.

21 “(2) Persons entitled to medical care under this chap-
22 ter shall also be entitled to other evidence-based preventive
23 health care services and screenings, as may be prescribed
24 in regulations by the Secretary of Defense.

25 “(3) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to—

1 “(A) waive all copayments under sections
2 1074g, 1075, 1075a, 1079(b), and 1086(b) of this
3 title for preventive services provided pursuant to this
4 subsection for all beneficiaries who would otherwise
5 pay copayments; and

6 “(B) ensure that a beneficiary pays nothing for
7 such preventive services during a year without re-
8 gard to whether the beneficiary has paid the amount
9 necessary to cover the beneficiary’s deductible for
10 the year.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1077(a) of
12 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
13 end the following new paragraph:

14 “(18) The additional preventive health services
15 described in section 1074d(b) of this title.”.

16 (c) EXPANDED WELL CHILD CARE AND ACCESS TO
17 HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION VIS-
18 ITS.—Section 1079(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
19 is amended by striking “schedule of immunizations” and
20 all that follows through subparagraph (B) and inserting
21 “schedule of immunizations, health promotion and disease
22 prevention visits and immunizations (including the preven-
23 tive care and screenings required pursuant to section
24 1074d(b) of this title) may be provided to dependents.”.

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