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To amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authorization period for emergency treatment in non-Department of Veterans Affairs medical facilities under the Veterans Community Care Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2020

Mr. HIGGINS of New York (for himself, Mr. ROSE of New York, Mr. PANNETTA, Ms. WILD, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CASE, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, and Mr. MORELLE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Veterans Community
5 Care Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION PERIOD FOR EMERGENCY TREAT-**
2 **MENT IN NON-DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS MEDICAL FACILITIES.**

4 Section 1703(a)(3) of title 38, United States Code,
5 is amended—

6 (1) by striking “A covered veteran” and insert-
7 ing “(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), a covered
8 veteran”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

11 “(B) In the case of an emergency which existed
12 at the time of admission of a covered veteran to a
13 health care provider and as a condition of authoriza-
14 tion under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall re-
15 quire that, during the 30-day period following such
16 admission, the covered veteran (or an individual act-
17 ing on behalf of the covered veteran) submit to the
18 Secretary notification of the care or services received
19 by the veteran during such admission.”.

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