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At the end of subtitle D of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 746. BRIEFING ON EXTENSION OF TRICARE PRIME TO ELIGIBLE BENEFICIARIES IN PUERTO RICO AND OTHER UNITED STATES TERRITORIES.

(a) BRIEFING.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall provide to the congressional defense committees a briefing on the feasibility, benefits, and costs of extending eligibility to enroll in TRICARE Prime to eligible beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico and other United States territories.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The briefing under subsection (a) shall provide an assessment specifically tailored to each United States territory and include, at a minimum—

(1) a description and update of the findings contained in the 2019 Department of Defense report on the feasibility and effect of extending TRICARE Prime to eligible beneficiaries residing in Puerto Rico.
Rico, as required by the conference report accompany-
ing the John S. McCain National Defense Au-
thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law
115–232);

(2) an assessment of whether otherwise eligible
beneficiaries residing in Puerto Rico and other
United States territories have access to health care
that is equivalent, with respect to both quality and
cost, to the care available to their counterparts re-
siding in the States and the District of Columbia;

(3) an assessment of the feasibility, benefits,
beneficiary satisfaction and costs of extending
TRICARE Prime to some, but not all, categories of
beneficiaries residing in Puerto Rico and other
United States territories; and

(4) an assessment of opportunities to partner
with other Federal health care systems to support
resources and share costs and services in extending
TRICARE Prime in Puerto Rico and the other
United States territories.

(c) OTHER UNITED STATES TERRITORIES DE-
FINED.—In this section, the term “other United States
territories” means American Samoa, Guam, the Northern
Mariana Islands, and the United States Virgin Islands.