

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
H.R. 6395
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RICO**

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME IN EASTERN**
2 **REGION OF PUERTO RICO.**

3 (a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME IN PUERTO
4 RICO.—Section 1097 of title 10, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(f) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME IN PUERTO
8 RICO.—In designating geographical areas under sub-
9 section (b)(3), the Secretary of Defense shall carry out
10 a pilot program for a five-year period following the date
11 of the enactment of this subsection under which all cov-
12 ered beneficiaries may enroll in TRICARE Prime in the
13 Eastern Region of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.”.

14 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
16 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
17 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the

1 progress of the Secretary in carrying out the pilot program
2 under subsection (f) of section 1097 of title 10, United
3 States Code, as added by subsection (a). The report shall
4 include a review of the following with respect to carrying
5 out the pilot program:

6 (1) Increases in costs.

7 (2) The number of current and new bene-
8 ficiaries.

9 (3) The impacts on quality of care and services
10 (including waiting times, provider and personnel
11 availability, capacity at the military medical treat-
12 ment facilities).

13 (4) The satisfaction of beneficiaries.

14 (5) The availability of civilian providers.

15 (6) How the Secretary will maintain an ade-
16 quate network of civilian providers.

17 (7) Coordination of specialty care for
18 TRICARE Prime beneficiaries in the event that spe-
19 cialty care is not available in Puerto Rico.

20 (8) The feasibility of extending the pilot pro-
21 gram to the Central and Western regions of Puerto
22 Rico.

