AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT FOR
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At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. 7. AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME IN EASTERN REGION OF PUERTO RICO.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE Prime in Puerto Rico.—Section 1097 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE Prime in Puerto Rico.—In designating geographical areas under subsection (b)(3), the Secretary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program for a five-year period following the date of the enactment of this subsection under which all covered beneficiaries may enroll in TRICARE Prime in the Eastern Region of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.”.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
progress of the Secretary in carrying out the pilot program
under subsection (f) of section 1097 of title 10, United
States Code, as added by subsection (a). The report shall
include a review of the following with respect to carrying
out the pilot program:

(1) Increases in costs.
(2) The number of current and new bene-

ficiaries.
(3) The impacts on quality of care and services
(including waiting times, provider and personnel
availability, capacity at the military medical treat-
ment facilities).
(4) The satisfaction of beneficiaries.
(5) The availability of civilian providers.
(6) How the Secretary will maintain an ade-
quate network of civilian providers.
(7) Coordination of specialty care for
TRICARE Prime beneficiaries in the event that spe-
cialty care is not available in Puerto Rico.
(8) The feasibility of extending the pilot pro-
gram to the Central and Western regions of Puerto
Rico.