

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-55
OFFERED BY MR. BAIRD OF INDIANA

At the end of division F (before the short title), insert the following:

1 SEC. _____. (a) Chapter 17 of title 38, United States
2 Code, is amended—

3 (1) by redesignating section 1706A as section
4 1706B; and

5 (2) by inserting after section 1706 the following
6 new section:

7 **“§ 1706A. Management of health care: timely sched-**
8 **uling of appointments at Department fa-**
9 **ilities**

10 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULING.—In man-
11 aging the provision of hospital care and medical services
12 at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs
13 under this chapter, the Secretary shall ensure that when-
14 ever a covered veteran contacts the Department by tele-
15 phone to request the scheduling of an appointment for
16 care or services for the covered veteran at such a facility,
17 the scheduling for the appointment occurs during that

1 telephone call (regardless of the prospective date of the
2 appointment being scheduled).

3 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
4 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is enrolled
5 in the system of patient enrollment of the Department
6 under section 1705(a) of this title.”.

7 (b) The table of sections at the beginning of such
8 chapter is amended by striking the item relating to section
9 1706A and inserting the following new items:

“1706A. Management of health care: timely scheduling of appointments at De-
partment facilities.

“1706B. Remediation of medical service lines.”.

10 (c) The amendments made by subsection (a) shall
11 apply with respect to requests for appointment scheduling
12 occurring on or after the date that is 120 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act.

