

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle A of title VII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF CERTAIN DIS-**
2 **CRIMINATORY QUALITY OF LIFE MEASURES**
3 **UNDER THE TRICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
5 ed by inserting after section 1079c the following new sec-
6 tion:

7 **“§ 1079d. TRICARE program: prohibition on use of**
8 **certain discriminatory quality of life**
9 **measures**

10 “(a) PROHIBITION.—The Secretary of Defense may
11 not use quality-adjusted life years, disability-adjusted life
12 years, or other similar measures that discount the value
13 of extending or improving the life of an individual on the
14 basis of disability, age, chronic illness, expected length of
15 life, or perceived quality of life when making determina-
16 tions regarding coverage, reimbursement, formulary place-
17 ment, or access to health care items and services under
18 the TRICARE program.

1 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this sec-
2 tion shall be construed to prohibit the Secretary from con-
3 sidering clinical effectiveness, medical evidence, or com-
4 parative clinical data, provided that such information does
5 not assign a lower value to the life of an individual on
6 the basis of disability, age, chronic illness, expected length
7 of life, or perceived quality of life.”.

