AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–23

OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL OF CALIFORNIA

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

SEC. 704. EXPANSION OF TRICARE-COVERED PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

(a) EXPANSION OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—Section 1074d of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following new subsection:

“(b) ADDITIONAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—(1) In addition to the preventive services provided under subsection (a), persons entitled to medical care under this chapter shall also be entitled, to the extent practicable, to the coverage of preventive health services comparable to the coverage required to be provided by a group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage under section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
300gg–13). Such entitlement shall supersede any otherwise applicable exclusions to the contrary.

“(2) Persons entitled to medical care under this chapter shall also be entitled to other evidence-based preventive health care services and screenings, as may be prescribed in regulations by the Secretary of Defense.

“(3) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to—

“(A) waive all copayments under sections 1074g, 1075, 1075a, 1079(b), and 1086(b) of this title for preventive services provided pursuant to this subsection for all beneficiaries who would otherwise pay copayments; and

“(B) ensure that a beneficiary pays nothing for such preventive services during a year without regard to whether the beneficiary has paid the amount necessary to cover the beneficiary’s deductible for the year.”.

(b) Conforming Amendment.—Section 1077(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(18) The additional preventive health services described in section 1074d(b) of this title.”.

(e) Expanded Well Child Care and Access to Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Visits.—Section 1079(a)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
is amended by striking “schedule of immunizations” and all that follows through subparagraph (B) and inserting “schedule of immunizations, health promotion and disease prevention visits and immunizations (including the preventive care and screenings required pursuant to section 1074d(b) of this title) may be provided to dependents.”.

(d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 2018. The Secretary of Defense may issue an interim final rule or take such other action as necessary to ensure implementation of such amendments on such date.

(e) FUNDING.—

(1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 1406 for the Defense Health Program, as specified in the corresponding funding table in division D, is hereby increased by $9,000,000.

(2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount authorized to be appropriated in section 201 for research, development, test, and evaluation, Defense-wide, as specified in the corresponding funding table in division D, for Advanced Component Development
and Prototypes, Advanced Innovative Technologies,
is hereby reduced by $9,000,000.