

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–**

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**OFFERED BY MR. CORREA OF CALIFORNIA**

At the end of title LI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 51 \_\_\_\_ . IMPROVING OVERSIGHT OF WOMEN VETERANS’**

2 **CARE.**

3 (a) ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERAN ACCESS TO GEN-  
4 DER SPECIFIC SERVICES UNDER DEPARTMENT OF VET-  
5 ERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY CARE CONTRACTS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter  
7 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by  
8 adding at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 1730D. Annual report on veteran access to gender**  
10 **specific services under community care**  
11 **contracts**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to  
13 the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and  
14 the House of Representatives an annual report on the ac-  
15 cess of women veterans to gender specific services under  
16 contracts, agreements, or other arrangements with non-  
17 Department medical providers entered into by the Sec-  
18 retary for the provision of hospital care or medical services  
19 to veterans. Such report shall include data and perform-

1 ance measures for the availability of gender specific serv-  
2 ices, including—

3 “(1) the average wait time between the vet-  
4 eran’s preferred appointment date and the date on  
5 which the appointment is completed;

6 “(2) the average driving time required for vet-  
7 erans to attend appointments; and

8 “(3) reasons why appointments could not be  
9 scheduled with non-Department medical providers.

10 “(b) GENDER SPECIFIC SERVICES.—In this section,  
11 the term ‘gender specific services’ means mammography,  
12 obstetric care, gynecological care, and such other services  
13 as the Secretary determines appropriate.”.

14 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
15 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
16 by inserting after the item relating to section 1730C  
17 the following new item:

“1730D. Annual report on veteran access to gender specific services under com-  
munity care contracts.”.

18 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENT OF CARE  
19 STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS AT DEPARTMENT OF VET-  
20 ERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans  
22 Affairs shall establish a policy under which—

1 (A) the environment of care standards and  
2 inspections at Department of Veterans Affairs  
3 medical centers include—

4 (i) an alignment of the requirements  
5 for such standards and inspections with  
6 the women’s health handbook of the Vet-  
7 erans Health Administration;

8 (ii) a requirement for the frequency of  
9 such inspections;

10 (iii) delineation of the roles and re-  
11 sponsibilities of staff at the medical center  
12 who are responsible for compliance; and

13 (iv) the requirement that each medical  
14 center submit to the Secretary a report on  
15 the compliance of the medical center with  
16 the standards; and

17 (B) for the purposes of the End of Year  
18 Hospital Star Rating, no medical center is eligi-  
19 ble for a five-star rating as reported under the  
20 Strategic Analytics for Improvement and  
21 Learning Value Model unless it meets the envi-  
22 ronment of care standards.

23 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after  
24 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
25 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs

1 of the Senate and House of Representatives certifi-  
2 cation in writing that the policy required by para-  
3 graph (1) has been finalized and disseminated to  
4 Department all medical centers.

