AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–54

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At the end of title LI, insert the following:

SEC. 51. IMPROVING OVERSIGHT OF WOMEN VETERANS’ CARE.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERAN ACCESS TO GENDER SPECIFIC SERVICES UNDER DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY CARE CONTRACTS.—

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

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

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives an annual report on the access of women veterans to gender specific services under contracts, agreements, or other arrangements with non-Department medical providers entered into by the Secretary for the provision of hospital care or medical services to veterans. Such report shall include data and perform-
ance measures for the availability of gender specific services, including—

“(1) the average wait time between the veteran’s preferred appointment date and the date on which the appointment is completed;

“(2) the average driving time required for veterans to attend appointments; and

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

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

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1730C the following new item:

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

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ENVIRONMENT OF CARE STANDARDS AND INSPECTIONS AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish a policy under which—
(A) the environment of care standards and inspections at Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers include—

(i) an alignment of the requirements for such standards and inspections with the women’s health handbook of the Veterans Health Administration;

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

(iii) delineation of the roles and responsibilities of staff at the medical center who are responsible for compliance; and

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

(B) for the purposes of the End of Year Hospital Star Rating, no medical center is eligible for a five-star rating as reported under the Strategic Analytics for Improvement and Learning Value Model unless it meets the environment of care standards.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs
of the Senate and House of Representatives certifica-
cation in writing that the policy required by para-
graph (1) has been finalized and disseminated to
Department all medical centers.