

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . AVAILABILITY OF DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM**
2 **AND OTHER FUNDS FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL**
3 **COUNTERMEASURES.**

4 (a) AVAILABILITY.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1100
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1100a. Availability of Defense Health Program and**
8 **other funds for certain medical counter-**
9 **measures**

10 “(a) AUTHORITY.—Subject to the availability of ap-
11 propriations for such purpose, amounts available under
12 the Defense Health Program account established under
13 section 1100, and amounts available under the Operation
14 and Maintenance, Army account for medical readiness,
15 may be obligated or expended by the Director of the De-
16 fense Health Agency to conduct the activities described in
17 subsection (b) for the protection and sustainment of de-
18 ployed forces across the roles of medical care.

1 “(b) ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED.—The activities de-
2 scribed in this subsection are the following:

3 “(1) The procurement or pre-positioning of a
4 medical countermeasure for forward deployment.

5 “(2) The forward deployment of a medical
6 countermeasure.

7 “(3) Any associated logistics, storage, or
8 sustainment activity necessary to ensure the avail-
9 ability or readiness of a forward-deployed medical
10 countermeasure.

11 “(c) COORDINATION.—The Director of the Defense
12 Health Agency shall coordinate with the Secretaries of the
13 military departments and the commanders of the combat-
14 ant commands with respect to any obligation or expendi-
15 ture of funds under subsection (a).

16 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

17 “(1) The term ‘medical countermeasure’ in-
18 cludes—

19 “(A) a vaccine, therapeutic, prophylactic,
20 or diagnostic; and

21 “(B) an advanced wound care product, in-
22 cluding antimicrobial and barrier-protective
23 dressings such as silver-plated bandages.

24 “(2) The term ‘roles of medical care’ has the
25 meaning given such term in the publication of the

1 Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff titled ‘Joint
2 Publication 4-02: Joint Health Service’, dated De-
3 cember 11, 2017, or such successor publication.”.

4 (b) REPORTS.—Not later than 120 days after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter
6 for three years, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to
7 the Committees on Armed Services of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives and the Senate a report describing—

9 (1) the categories of medical countermeasures
10 procured and forward-deployed using funds author-
11 ized to be obligated or expended under section 1100
12 of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
13 section (a);

14 (2) the locations supported by any such use of
15 funds; and

16 (3) any gaps or shortfalls identified in connec-
17 tion with the provision of such medical counter-
18 measures to deployed forces.

