

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–**8****OFFERED BY MRS. SYKES OF OHIO**

At the appropriate place in subtitle C of title XXVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 28____. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PHARMACIES ON OR**
2 **IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MILITARY INSTAL-**
3 **LATIONS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall establish a pilot program to be known as
7 the “Food Pharmacies Pilot Program” to provide access
8 to nutritious foods and nutritional guidance to covered in-
9 dividuals in an effort to improve health outcomes.

10 (b) NUMBER.—Under the Food Pharmacies Pilot
11 Program, the Secretary of Defense shall establish not
12 fewer than six food pharmacies on or in close proximity
13 to a military installation. In selecting locations for food
14 pharmacies, the Secretary shall ensure that the food phar-
15 macies are easily accessible for covered individuals in each
16 military department.

17 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Each food pharmacy estab-
18 lished under this section—

1 (1) shall offer low- or no-cost nutritious foods
2 for covered individuals; and

3 (2) shall provide nutritional guidance from a
4 qualified health professional on-site or provide access
5 to produce prescriptions.

6 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
7 of the implementation of the Food Pharmacies Pilot Pro-
8 gram, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress
9 a report on the efficacy of the pilot program, including
10 the following:

11 (1) The number of covered individuals served
12 by the Food Pharmacies Pilot Program,
13 disaggregated by military department, rank, de-
14 pendency status, and location.

15 (2) Information gathered from optional surveys
16 of covered individuals served by the Food Phar-
17 macies Pilot Program, including the military depart-
18 ment, rank, title, dependency status, and location of
19 the covered individuals and any resulting health out-
20 comes due to participation in the pilot program.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

22 (1) The term “covered individual” means a
23 member of the Armed Forces, a dependent of such
24 member, and other individuals as determined by the
25 Secretary of Defense.

1 (2) The term “food pharmacy” means an orga-
2 nization that provides services that include—

3 (A) access to nutritious foods; and

4 (B) nutritional guidance from a qualified
5 health care professional or access to produce
6 prescription.

7 (3) The term “medical nutrition therapy serv-
8 ices” has the meaning given in section 1861(vv) of
9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(vv)).

10 (4) The term “nutritional guidance” means
11 medically accurate and complete (as defined in sec-
12 tion 513(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
13 713(e)) advice from a qualified health care profes-
14 sional on what to eat and drink to meet nutrient
15 needs, promote health, and prevent disease, includ-
16 ing medical nutrition therapy services.

17 (5) The term “nutritious food” means food that
18 is part of a healthy diet consistent with the most re-
19 cent Dietary Guidelines for Americans published
20 under section 301 of the National Nutrition Moni-
21 toring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
22 5341).

23 (6) The term “produce prescription” means
24 written nutritional guidance from a qualified health
25 care professional describing recommended foods to

1 be acquired by the covered individual at low or no
2 cost.

3 (7) The term “qualified health care profes-
4 sional” means—

5 (A) a registered dietitian or nutrition pro-
6 fessional, as defined by section 1861(vv)(2) of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395x(vv)(2));

9 (B) a physician, as defined by section
10 1861(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395x(r)); or

12 (C) a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse spe-
13 cialist, physician assistant, or other profes-
14 sional, as determined appropriate by the Sec-
15 retary of Health and Human Services.

