

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. ROUDA OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle D of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 746. REPORT ON LAPSES IN TRICARE COVERAGE FOR**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD AND RE-**
3 **SERVE COMPONENTS.**

4 (a) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of
6 the United States shall submit to the appropriate congress-
7 sional committees a report containing an analysis of each
8 of the following:

9 (1) Any lapses in coverage under the TRICARE
10 program for a member of a reserve component that
11 occurred during the eight year period ending on the
12 date of the enactment of this Act and were caused
13 by a change in the duty status of such member, in-
14 cluding an identification of the total number of such
15 lapses.

16 (2) The factors contributing to any such lapses,
17 including—

1 (A) technological factors, including factors
2 relating to outdated systems;

3 (B) human errors in processing changes in
4 duty status; and

5 (C) shortages in the level of administrative
6 staffing of the National Guard.

7 (3) How factors contributing to any such lapses
8 were identified under paragraph (2) and whether ac-
9 tions have been taken to address the factors.

10 (4) The effect of any such lapses on—

11 (A) the delivery of health care benefits to
12 members of the reserve components and the eli-
13 gible dependents of such members; or

14 (B) force readiness and force retention.

15 (5) The parties responsible for identifying and
16 communicating to a member of a reserve component
17 issues relating to eligibility under the TRICARE
18 program.

19 (6) The methods by which a member of a re-
20 serve component, an eligible dependent of such mem-
21 ber, or the Secretary of Defense may verify the sta-
22 tus of enrollment in the TRICARE program regard-
23 ing the member before, during, and after a deploy-
24 ment of the member.

1 (7) The comparative effectiveness, with respect
2 to the delivery of health care benefits to a member
3 of a reserve component and eligible dependents of
4 such member, of—

5 (A) continuing the current process by
6 which a previously eligible member must transi-
7 tion from coverage under TRICARE Reserve
8 Select to coverage under TRICARE Prime after
9 a change to active service in the duty status of
10 such member; and

11 (B) establishing a new process by which a
12 previously eligible member may remain covered
13 by TRICARE Reserve Select after a change to
14 active service in the duty status of such mem-
15 ber (whether by allowing a previously eligible
16 member to pay a premium for such coverage or
17 by requiring the Federal Government to provide
18 for such coverage).

19 (8) Whether the current process referred to in
20 paragraph (7)(A) negatively affects the delivery of
21 health care benefits as a result of transitions be-
22 tween network providers.

23 (9) The actions necessary to prevent future oc-
24 currences of such lapses, including legislative ac-
25 tions.

1 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

2 (1) The term “active service” has the meaning
3 given that term in section 101(d) of title 10, United
4 States Code.

5 (2) The term “appropriate congressional com-
6 mittees” means the congressional defense commit-
7 tees (as defined in section 101(a) of title 10, United
8 States Code) and the Committees on Veterans’ Af-
9 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Sen-
10 ate.

11 (3) The term “eligible dependent” means a de-
12 pendent of a member of a reserve component—

13 (A) described in subparagraph (A), (D), or
14 (I) of section 1072(2) of title 10, United States
15 Code; and

16 (B) eligible for coverage under the
17 TRICARE Program.

18 (4) The term “previously eligible member”
19 means a member of a reserve component who was el-
20 ible for coverage under TRICARE Reserve Select
21 pursuant to section 1076d of title 10, United States
22 Code, prior to a change to active service in the duty
23 status of such member.

24 (5) The terms “TRICARE Prime” and
25 “TRICARE program” have the meanings given

1 those terms in section 1072 of title 10, United
2 States Code.

3 (6) The term “TRICARE Reserve Select” has
4 the meaning given that term in section 1076d(f) of
5 title 10, United States Code.

