

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-
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RICO

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . STUDY ON THE TREATMENT OF TRICARE BENE-**
2 **FICIARIES WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF PUERTO**
3 **RICO.**

4 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense, and with re-
5 spect to members of the Coast Guard, in coordination with
6 the Secretary of the Department in which the Coast Guard
7 is operating when it is not operating as a service in the
8 Navy, shall conduct a study on the feasibility and effect
9 of extending the eligibility to enroll in, and the coverage
10 of, TRICARE Prime to members of the Armed Forces and
11 covered beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico to the
12 same degree that a covered beneficiary who resides in any
13 of the several States may enroll in TRICARE Prime.

14 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a)
15 shall address the following:

1 (1) The requirements, as of the date of the
2 study, for a covered beneficiary to be eligible to en-
3 roll in the TRICARE program in Puerto Rico.

4 (2) The number of—

5 (A) covered beneficiaries who are enrolled
6 in the TRICARE program who reside in Puerto
7 Rico; and

8 (B) such covered beneficiaries who would
9 potentially enroll in TRICARE Prime if the
10 Secretary extends TRICARE Prime as de-
11 scribed in subsection (a).

12 (3) The demographic distribution of covered
13 beneficiaries who reside in Puerto Rico.

14 (4) The access of such covered beneficiaries to
15 health care networks, including trauma care centers,
16 as of the date of the study.

17 (5) The quality of such health care networks.

18 (6) The costs and timeline requirements for ex-
19 tending TRICARE Prime as described in subsection
20 (a).

21 (7) The feasibility of using medical resources of
22 the Department of Defense to cover gaps in service
23 availability in Puerto Rico if such extension does not
24 occur.

1 (c) SUBMISSION.—Not later than 90 days after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
3 mit to the congressional defense committees a report on
4 the study under subsection (a).

5 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “cov-
6 ered beneficiary”, “TRICARE Prime”, and “TRICARE
7 program” have the meanings given those terms in section
8 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

