

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–8
OFFERED BY MR. RUIZ OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of subtitle D of title X, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. 10____. SUPPLEMENTATION OF HEALTH RECORDS OF
2 DECEASED VETERANS.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall jointly ensure
6 that the health records of the Department of Defense and
7 the Department of Veterans Affairs may be updated with
8 an observed health condition or other relevant health in-
9 formation of a deceased enrollee by—

10 (1) an individual designated by such deceased
11 enrollee; or

12 (2) if no such individual is designated, an im-
13 mediate family member of such deceased enrollee.

14 (b) DESIGNATION.—Such Secretaries shall jointly es-
15 tablish a process by which an individual may make a des-
16 ignation for purposes of subsection (a)(1).

17 (c) NO MODIFICATION OF HEALTH INFORMATION.—
18 Any update under subsection (a) shall supplement infor-

1 mation contained in the health records of a deceased en-
2 rollee and shall not modify information contained in such
3 records.

4 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) The term “immediate family member”, with
6 respect to a deceased enrollee, means—

7 (A) the spouse, parent, brother, sister, or
8 adult child of the individual; or

9 (B) an adult person to whom the indi-
10 vidual stands in loco parentis.

11 (2) The term “deceased enrollee” means a de-
12 ceased individual who, at the time of death—

13 (A) was enrolled in the patient enrollment
14 system of the Department of Veterans Affairs
15 under section 1705 of title 38, United States
16 Code; or

17 (B) was entitled to care under the
18 TRICARE program, as defined in section 1072
19 of title 10, United States Code.

