

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-**

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**OFFERED BY MS. KAPTUR OF OHIO**

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

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . EXPANSION OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR**  
2 **GOLD STAR SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

3 (a) **MEDICAL BENEFITS.**—Section 1079(g) of title  
4 10, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2), by inserting “except as  
6 provided by paragraph (5),” after “benefits under  
7 paragraph (1),”; and

8 (2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the  
9 following:

10 “(5)(A) A dependent described in subparagraph (B)  
11 shall not be subject to the three-year time limit specified  
12 in paragraph (2) with respect to eligibility for benefits  
13 under TRICARE Prime.

14 “(B) A dependent described in this subparagraph is  
15 a dependent for purposes of section 1072 of this title by  
16 reason of being a surviving spouse of a member of the  
17 Armed Forces whose death is covered by section 1126.”.

1 (b) DENTAL BENEFITS.—Section 1076a(k) of such  
2 title is amended—

3 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “Such term”  
4 and inserting “Except as provided by paragraph (4),  
5 such term”; and

6 (2) by adding after paragraph (3) the following:

7 “(4)(A) A dependent described in subparagraph (B)  
8 shall not be subject to the three-year time limit specified  
9 in paragraph (3).

10 “(B) A dependent described in this subparagraph is  
11 a dependent for purposes of section 1072 of this title by  
12 reason of being a surviving spouse of a member of the  
13 Armed Forces whose death is covered by section 1126.”.

14 (c) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this  
15 section shall apply with respect to a surviving spouse of  
16 a member of the Armed Forces whose death is covered  
17 by section 1126 of title 10, United States Code, regardless  
18 of whether such death occurred before the date of the en-  
19 actment of this Act.

