

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4909
OFFERED BY MR. LARSON OF CONNECTICUT**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7 ____ . APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS.**

2 (a) **RATES OF REIMBURSEMENT.—**

3 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**In furnishing applied behav-
4 ior analysis under the TRICARE program to indi-
5 viduals described in paragraph (2) during the period
6 beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act,
7 and ending on December 31, 2018, the Secretary of
8 Defense shall ensure that the reimbursement rates
9 for providers of applied behavior analysis are not
10 less than the rates that were in effect on March 31,
11 2016.

12 (2) **INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—**Individuals de-
13 scribed in this paragraph are individuals who are
14 covered beneficiaries (as defined in section 1072 of
15 title 10, United States Code) by reason of being a
16 member or former member of the Army, Navy, Air
17 Force, or Marine Corps, including the reserve com-

1 ponents thereof, or a dependent of such a member
2 or former member.

3 (b) ANALYSIS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Upon the completion of the
5 Department of Defense Comprehensive Autism Care
6 Demonstration, the Assistant Secretary of Defense
7 for Health Affairs shall conduct an analysis to—

8 (A) use data gathered during the dem-
9 onstration to set future reimbursement rates for
10 providers of applied behavior analysis under the
11 TRICARE program; and

12 (B) review comparative commercial insur-
13 ance claims for purposes of setting such future
14 rates, including by—

15 (i) conducting an analysis of the com-
16 parative total of commercial insurance
17 claims billed for applied behavior analysis;
18 and

19 (ii) reviewing any covered beneficiary
20 limitations on access to applied behavior
21 analysis services at various military instal-
22 lations throughout the United States.

23 (2) SUBMISSION.—The Assistant Secretary
24 shall submit to the congressional defense committees
25 the analysis conducted under paragraph (1).

1 (c) FUNDING.—

2 (1) INCREASE.—Notwithstanding the amounts
3 set forth in the funding tables in division D, the
4 amount authorized to be appropriated in section
5 1405 for the Defense Health Program, as specified
6 in the corresponding funding table in section 4501,
7 for Private Sector Care is hereby increased by
8 \$32,000,000.

9 (2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set
10 forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount
11 authorized to be appropriated in section 4301 for
12 operation and maintenance, as specified in the cor-
13 responding funding table in section 4301, for the Of-
14 fice of the Secretary of Defense (Line 300) is hereby
15 reduced by \$32,000,000.

16 (d) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
17 gress that amounts should be appropriated for behavioral
18 health treatment of TRICARE beneficiaries, including
19 pursuant to this section, in a manner to ensure the appro-
20 priate and equitable access to such treatment by all such
21 beneficiaries.

