

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-
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At the end of division C, title II, insert the following
new section:

1 SEC. 239. (a) Chapter 3 of title 38, United States
2 Code, is amended by inserting after section 312A the fol-
3 lowing new section:

4 **“§ 312B. Health Monitor.**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) There is in the Department
6 a Health Monitor who shall appointed by the Secretary.

7 “(2) The Health Monitor shall report to the Inspector
8 General in the discharge of the duties of the Health Mon-
9 itor under subsection (c). The Inspector General may not
10 terminate the Health Monitor until 60 days after the date
11 the Inspector General notifies Congress of such impending
12 termination.

13 “(3) In discharging the duties under subsection (c),
14 the Health Monitor shall have the powers of an Inspector
15 General under section 6 of the Inspector General Act of
16 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.).

1 “(b) QUALIFICATIONS.—Each individual appointed
2 as Health Monitor shall be an individual who has sub-
3 stantive professional experience in at least one of the fol-
4 lowing areas:

5 “(1) Federal oversight.

6 “(2) Health care administration.

7 “(3) Health care delivery.

8 “(4) Patient advocacy.

9 “(c) DUTIES.—(1) Not later than 60 days after the
10 issuance of the end-of-year relative performance star rat-
11 ings (in this section referred to as ‘Star Ratings’) for each
12 fiscal year, the Health Monitor shall identify and transmit
13 a list of specific improvement recommendations for each
14 medical center of the Department that received fewer than
15 three stars in the Star Ratings for the most recent fiscal
16 year. The Health Monitor shall transmit each such list
17 to—

18 “(A) the Director of the medical center named
19 in the list;

20 “(B) the Secretary;

21 “(C) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
22 the Senate and the House of Representatives;

23 “(D) the Senators for the State in which the
24 medical center is located; and

1 “(E) the Representative in whose congressional
2 district the medical center is located.

3 “(2) Not later than 180 days after the Health Mon-
4 itor transmits a list under paragraph (1), the Health Mon-
5 itor shall submit a report to the recipients of that list a
6 report that identifies—

7 “(A) the extent to which the Director of the
8 medical center implemented the plan;

9 “(B) any change in the performance of the
10 medical center.”.

11 (b) The table of sections at the beginning of such
12 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
13 to section 312A the following new item:

“312B. Health Monitor.”.

