

1 (1) assisting the Secretary of Veterans Affairs,
2 the Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and the
3 Under Secretary for Health with policies, operations,
4 programs, and activities relating to emerging thera-
5 peutic interventions;

6 (2) working in coordination with the Secretary
7 of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of
8 Food and Drugs, the Secretary of Defense, and the
9 Attorney General to improve the efficiency and effec-
10 tiveness of all activities related to emerging thera-
11 peutic interventions within the Department of Vet-
12 erans Affairs; and

13 (3) working with Federal agencies, State and
14 local governments, and nongovernmental organiza-
15 tions to improve the delivery of, and access to,
16 emerging therapeutic interventions.

17 (c) BRIEFING ON DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTA-
18 TION.—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall provide
20 a briefing to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
21 House of Representatives and Senate on—

22 (1) the status of the designation of the official
23 under subsection (a); and

1 (2) the implementation of the roles, responsibil-
2 ities, and the authorities of the official under sub-
3 section (b).

4 **SEC. 17___ . EMERGING THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTIONS AT**
5 **THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) REPORT.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after
8 the date of enactment of this Act, and biannually
9 thereafter, the Under Secretary for Health of the
10 Department of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the
11 Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
12 Representatives and Senate a report on the activities
13 of the Department with respect to emerging thera-
14 peutic interventions, including psychedelic-assisted
15 therapies.

16 (2) CONTENTS.—At a minimum, each report
17 under paragraph (1) shall, with respect to emerging
18 therapeutic interventions, include—

19 (A) a summary of research activities, in-
20 cluding a list of active and planned clinical
21 trials, of the Department relating to emerging
22 therapeutic interventions;

23 (B) an identification of key findings from
24 clinical outcomes and patient-reported outcomes

1 made during clinical trials conducted or sup-
2 ported by the Department;

3 (C) the number of veterans enrolled in
4 treatment programs and clinical trials related
5 to emerging therapeutic interventions;

6 (D) interagency coordination efforts of the
7 Department, including with the Food and Drug
8 Administration, the Drug Enforcement Agency,
9 and other relevant government agencies;

10 (E) recommendations to improve the deliv-
11 ery of innovative therapies to veterans, includ-
12 ing psychedelic-assisted therapies; and

13 (F) recommendations for legislative or ad-
14 ministrative actions relating to emerging thera-
15 peutic interventions.

16 (b) **WORKFORCE READINESS.**—The Under Secretary
17 for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall
18 develop a workforce implementation-readiness plan for
19 emerging therapeutic interventions (including psychedelic-
20 assisted therapies), including—

21 (1) conducting a workforce-readiness assess-
22 ment to identify clinicians and peer support special-
23 ists with prior training or certification relevant to
24 emerging therapeutic interventions and gaps in
25 training, supervision, and clinical capacity necessary

1 to support safe and effective implementation of such
2 interventions;

3 (2) developing a standardized, competency-
4 based training framework for clinicians and peer
5 support specialists participating in emerging thera-
6 peutic interventions, including safety monitoring, su-
7 pervision standards, competent care, interdiscipli-
8 nary collaboration, and other areas where appro-
9 priate; and

10 (3) developing and implementing a plan to en-
11 sure training, using such framework, is conducted,
12 and credentialing standards are applied, with respect
13 to the appropriate clinicians and medical centers of
14 the Department, including any centers of excellence,
15 in a manner designed to ensure access across each
16 Veterans Integrated Service Network.

17 **SEC. 17___. REPORT ON ACCELERATING MEDICAL TREAT-**
18 **MENTS FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
20 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
21 Affairs, in collaboration with the Commissioner of the
22 Food and Drug Administration and the Administrator of
23 the Drug Enforcement Agency, shall provide a report to
24 appropriate committees of Congress on the implementa-
25 tion of Executive Order 14401, titled “Accelerating Med-

1 ical Treatments for Serious Mental Illness” (April 18,
2 2026).

3 (b) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS.—In
4 this section, the term “appropriate committees of Con-
5 gress” means—

6 (1) the Committee on Energy and Commerce of
7 the House of Representatives;

8 (2) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the
9 House of Representatives;

10 (3) the Committee on Health, Education,
11 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate; and

12 (4) the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs of the
13 Senate.

