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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVIII the following new section:

SEC. _____. GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS IN PROXIMITY TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS SUBJECT TO CLOSURE.

(a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall carry out a study on efforts of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure access to health care for veterans residing in geographic proximity to a Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic subject to closure during the three-year period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after such date, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on such study that includes—

(1) an examination of guidelines of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to community outreach following a closure described in subsection (a);
(2) an evaluation of the extent to which the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has communicated to veterans described in subsection (a)—

(A) the location of the Department of Veterans Affairs medical facility the Secretary intends to furnish health care to such veterans after the date on which a closure described in such subsection becomes effective;

(B) information relating to the type of health care available at such medical facility; and

(C) the approximate distance such veterans will travel to receive health care at such medical facility; and

(3) recommendations with respect to improving communication between the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and veterans described in subsection (a) following a closure described in such subsection.