

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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

1 **SEC. 7____. PROVISION OF STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK**
2 **TO VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**
4 **ORDER.**

5 (a) PROVISION TO VETERANS.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 17
7 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
8 ing at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 1720K. Provision of stellate ganglion block for cer-**
10 **tain veterans**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall furnish stel-
12 late ganglion block to any veteran who—

13 “(1) is enrolled in the patient enrollment sys-
14 tem under section 1705 of this title;

15 “(2) has been diagnosed with post-traumatic
16 stress disorder; and

17 “(3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion
18 block after being informed by a qualified health care

1 provider of the risks and benefits of stellate ganglion
2 block.

3 “(b) PROVISION OF CARE.—The Secretary may fur-
4 nish stellate ganglion block under subsection (a) through
5 a medical facility of the Department or through a health
6 care provider specified in section 1703(c) of this title.”.

7 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
8 tions at the beginning of chapter 17 of title 38,
9 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
10 the item relating to section 1720J the following new
11 item:

“1720K. Provision of stellate ganglion block for certain veterans.”.

12 (b) PROVISION TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
13 FORCES.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, is
14 amended by inserting after section 1074o the following
15 new section:

16 **“§ 1074p. Provision of stellate ganglion block for cer-**
17 **tain members**

18 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall furnish stel-
19 late ganglion block to any member of the Armed Forces
20 (including the reserve components) who is performing or
21 has performed active service and who—

22 “(1) is enrolled in the TRICARE program
23 under chapter 55 of this title;

24 “(2) has been diagnosed with post-traumatic
25 stress disorder; and

1 “(3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion
2 block after being informed by a qualified health care
3 provider of the risks and benefits of stellate ganglion
4 block.

5 “(b) PROVISION OF CARE.—The Secretary may fur-
6 nish stellate ganglion block under subsection (a) through
7 a medical facility of the Department or through a qualified
8 health care provider participating in a Department admin-
9 istered TRICARE health insurance program.”.

10 (c) UPDATE OF JOINT CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDE-
11 LINE.—

12 (1) UPDATE OF GUIDELINE.—Not later than
13 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary
15 of Defense shall update the guideline published
16 jointly by the Secretaries and titled the “VA/DOD
17 Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Manage-
18 ment of PTSD” (or such successor guideline) to en-
19 sure the guideline—

20 (A) reflects the availability of stellate gan-
21 gion block as a therapy option; and

22 (B) includes information on the clinical in-
23 dicators and contraindicators for such therapy
24 option.

1 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Upon updating the guide-
2 line under paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall notify
3 the appropriate congressional committees of such
4 update.

5 (3) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
6 TEES DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “ap-
7 propriate congressional committees” means—

8 (A) the congressional defense committees
9 (as such term is defined in section 101 of title
10 10, United States Code); and

11 (B) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
12 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on the date that
15 is 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

