AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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

SEC. 7lll. PROVISION OF STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK TO VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.

(a) Provision to Veterans.—

(1) In general.—Subchapter II of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

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

“(a) In General.—The Secretary shall furnish stellate ganglion block to any veteran who—

“(1) is enrolled in the patient enrollment system under section 1705 of this title;

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

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

“(b) PROVISION OF CARE.—The Secretary may furnish stellate ganglion block under subsection (a) through a medical facility of the Department or through a health care provider specified in section 1703(e) of this title.”

(2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 1720J the following new item:

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

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

“§ 1074p. Provision of stellate ganglion block for certain members

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

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

“(2) has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder; and
“(3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion
block after being informed by a qualified health care
provider of the risks and benefits of stellate ganglion
block.

“(b) Provision of Care.—The Secretary may fur-
nish stellate ganglion block under subsection (a) through
a medical facility of the Department or through a qualified
health care provider participating in a Department admin-
istered TRICARE health insurance program.”.

(c) Update of Joint Clinical Practice Guide-
line.—

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

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

(B) includes information on the clinical in-
dicators and contraindicators for such therapy
option.
(2) Notification.—Upon updating the guideline under paragraph (1), the Secretaries shall notify the appropriate congressional committees of such update.

(3) Appropriate Congressional Committees Defined.—In this subsection, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

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

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

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