

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-13**  
**OFFERED BY MR. PERRY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

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 adding  
8 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 stellate  
12 ganglion block to any veteran who—

13 “(1) is enrolled in the patient enrollment system  
14 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 con-  
8 tents 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.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10,  
15 United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
16 section 1074o the following new section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

12          (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-  
13          tents at the beginning of chapter 55 of title 10,  
14          United States Code, is amended by inserting after  
15          the item relating to section 1074o the following new  
16          item:

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

17          (c) UPDATE OF JOINT CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDE-  
18          LINE.—

19          (1) UPDATE OF GUIDELINE.—Not later than  
20          180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
21          the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary  
22          of Defense shall update the guideline published  
23          jointly by the Secretaries and titled the “VA/DOD  
24          Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Manage-

1       ment of PTSD” (or such successor guideline) to en-  
2       sure the guideline—

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

5               (B) includes information on the clinical in-  
6               dicators and contraindicators for such therapy  
7               option.

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

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

15              (A) the congressional defense committees  
16              (as such term is defined in section 101 of title  
17              10, United States Code); and

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

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

