

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118-36
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Add at the end of subtitle A of title VII the following:

1 **SEC. 713. PROVISION OF STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK TO**
2 **VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
3 **FORCES WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DIS-**
4 **ORDER.**

5 (a) PROVISION TO MEMBERS OF THE ARMED
6 FORCES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
8 United States Code, as amended by section 701 of
9 this subtitle, is further amended by inserting after
10 section 1074p the following new section:

11 **“§ 1074q. Provision of stellate ganglion block for cer-**
12 **tain members**

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

17 “(1) is enrolled in the TRICARE program
18 under this chapter;

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 sec-
13 tions for chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code,
14 is amended by inserting before the item relating to
15 section 1075 the following new item:

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

16 (b) UPDATE OF JOINT CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDE-
17 LINE.—

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

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

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

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

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

13 (A) the congressional defense committees;
14 and

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

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
19 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

