

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-33**  
**OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS**

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ADMINISTRA-**  
2 **TION OF TRICARE PROGRAM IN TERRITORIES**  
3 **OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4       (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1076f  
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: administration in terri-**  
8 **tories of the United States**

9       “(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME.—In desig-  
10 nating geographical areas under section 1097(b)(3) of this  
11 title, the Secretary of Defense shall designate areas in  
12 each territory of the United States in a similar manner  
13 used to designate areas in the several States.

14       “(b) EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.—

15               “(1) In providing travel and transportation al-  
16 lowances under section 1074i of this title, the Sec-  
17 retary of Defense shall ensure that individuals lo-  
18 cated in any territory of the United States who, but

1 for such location, would be eligible to receive such  
2 allowances pursuant to such section are eligible to  
3 receive such allowances.

4 “(2) The Secretary may revise regulations pre-  
5 scribed under section 464 of title 37, or prescribe  
6 such new regulations, as may be necessary for the  
7 administration of paragraph (1).

8 “(c) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—

9 “(1) The Director of the Federal Electronic  
10 Health Record Modernization Office shall coordinate  
11 with the head of the department of health, or other  
12 appropriate official, of each territory of the United  
13 States for the purpose of sharing health information  
14 through the Joint Health Information Exchange, or  
15 a successor initiative.

16 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘Federal Elec-  
17 tronic Health Record Modernization Office’ means  
18 the office established under section 1635(b) of the  
19 Wounded Warrior Act (10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

20 “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIME SERVICE AREA.—  
21 The Secretary shall take steps to ensure the establishment  
22 of Prime Service Areas in the territories of the United  
23 States, regardless of proximity to a military medical treat-  
24 ment facility.”.

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date  
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense  
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-  
4 port on the progress of the Secretary in carrying out the  
5 implementation of TRICARE Prime expansion in the ter-  
6 ritories of the United States.

