

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1058  
OFFERED BY Dr. Wenstrup**

Strike section 2 and insert the following:

1 **SEC. 2. ROLE OF PODIATRISTS IN DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) INCLUSION AS PHYSICIAN.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 74  
5 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-  
6 ing at the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 7413. Treatment of podiatrists; clinical oversight**  
8 **standards**

9 “(a) PODIATRISTS.—Except as provided by sub-  
10 section (b), a doctor of podiatric medicine who is ap-  
11 pointed as a podiatrist under section 7401(1) of this title  
12 is eligible for any supervisory position in the Veterans  
13 Health Administration to the same degree that a physician  
14 appointed under such section is eligible for the position.

15 “(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF CLINICAL OVERSIGHT  
16 STANDARDS.—The Secretary, in consultation with appro-  
17 priate stakeholders, shall establish standards to ensure  
18 that specialists appointed in the Veterans Health Adminis-  
19 tration to supervisory positions do not provide direct clin-

1 ical oversight for purposes of peer review or practice eval-  
2 uation for providers of other clinical specialties.”.

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
4 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
5 by inserting after the item relating to section 7412  
6 the following new item:

“7413. Treatment of podiatrists; clinical oversight standards.”.

7 (b) MODIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF PAY  
8 GRADE.—

9 (1) GRADE.—The list in section 7404(b) of  
10 such title is amended—

11 (A) by striking “PHYSICIAN AND DEN-  
12 TIST SCHEDULE” and inserting “PHYSI-  
13 CIAN AND SURGEON (MD/DO),  
14 PODIATRIC SURGEON (DPM), AND DEN-  
15 TIST AND ORAL SURGEON (DDS, DMD)  
16 SCHEDULE”;

17 (B) by striking, “Physician grade” and in-  
18 serting “Physician and surgeon grade”; and

19 (C) by striking “PODIATRIST, CHIRO-  
20 PRACTOR, AND,” and inserting “CHIRO-  
21 PRACTOR AND”.

22 (2) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by  
23 paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to a pay pe-  
24 riod of the Department of Veterans Affairs begin-

- 1       ning on or after the date that is 30 days after the
- 2       date of the enactment of this Act.



