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AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4242

OFFERED BY MR. Takano

Add at the appropriate place the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS OFFICE OF NON-VA DELIVERED**
3 **MEDICAL CARE ACCOUNTABILITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 3 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new section:

7 **“§ 324. Office of Non-VA Delivered Medical Care Ac-**
8 **countability**

9 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the
10 Department an office to be known as the ‘Office of Non-
11 VA Delivered Medical Care Accountability’ (in this section
12 referred to as the ‘Office’).

13 “(b) HEAD OF OFFICE.—(1) The head of the Office
14 shall be responsible for the functions of the Office and
15 shall be appointed by the President pursuant to section
16 308(a) of this title.

17 “(2) The head of the Office shall be known as the
18 ‘Assistant Secretary for Non-VA Delivered Medical Care
19 Accountability’.

1 “(3) The Assistant Secretary shall report directly to
2 the Secretary on all matters relating to the Office.

3 “(4) Notwithstanding section 308(b) of this title, the
4 Secretary may only assign to the Assistant Secretary re-
5 sponsibilities relating to the functions of the Office set
6 forth in subsection (c).

7 “(c) FUNCTIONS.—The functions of the Office are as
8 follows:

9 “(1) Advising the Secretary on all matters of
10 the Department relating to medical care provided at
11 non-Department medical facilities and by all non-
12 Department personnel who provide such care to vet-
13 erans.

14 “(2) Issuing reports and providing rec-
15 ommendations related to the duties described in sub-
16 paragraph (A).

17 “(3) Receiving disclosures of unprofessional,
18 substandard, negligent or overpriced medical care, or
19 any other matter related to deficiencies in medical
20 care provided to veterans at non-Department facili-
21 ties or by non-Department personnel.

22 “(4) Referring disclosures received under para-
23 graph (3) for investigation to the Office of the Med-
24 ical Inspector, the Office of Inspector General, or
25 other investigative entity, as appropriate.

1 “(5) Working with the Office of Audits and the
2 Office of Investigations on matters relating to ex-
3 penditure of funds and other issues arising from the
4 provision of non-Department Delivered medical care
5 to eligible veterans and others.

6 “(6) Recording, tracking, reviewing, and con-
7 firming implementation of recommendations from
8 audits and investigations carried out by the Inspec-
9 tor General and the Medical Inspector of the De-
10 partment for appropriate corrective actions.

11 “(7) Reviewing and investigating allegations of
12 unprofessional, substandard, negligent, or overpriced
13 medical care, or any other matter related to defi-
14 ciencies in medical care provided to veterans, at non-
15 Department facilities or by non-Department per-
16 sonnel.

17 “(8) Making such recommendations to the Sec-
18 retary for corrective action as the Assistant Sec-
19 retary considers appropriate after substantiating any
20 allegation made to the Office.

21 “(d) STAFF AND RESOURCES.—The Secretary shall
22 ensure that the Assistant Secretary has such staff, re-
23 sources, and access to information as may be necessary
24 to carry out the functions of the Office.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 308 of
2 such title is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “seven”
4 and inserting “eight”; and

5 (2) in subsection (b) by adding at the end the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(13) The functions set forth in section 324(c)
8 of this title.”.

9 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
10 at the beginning of chapter 3 of such title is amended by
11 adding at the end the following new item:

“324. Office of Non-VA Delivered Medical Care Accountability.”.

