

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5674
OFFERED BY MS. BROWNLEY OF CALIFORNIA

At the end of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 512. CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS RE-**
2 **CEIVING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND OTHER**
3 **INTENSIVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES PRO-**
4 **VIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
5 **AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 17 of
7 title 38, United States Code, is further amended by adding
8 at the end the following new section:

9 **“§ 1730D. Child care assistance for veterans receiving**
10 **mental health care and other intensive**
11 **health care services**

12 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide child
13 care assistance to an eligible veteran for any period that
14 the veteran—

15 “(1) receives covered health care services at a
16 facility of the Department; and

17 “(2) is required travel to and return from such
18 facility for the receipt of such health care services.

1 “(b) CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE.—(1) Child care as-
2 sistance provided under this section may include any of
3 the following:

4 “(A) A stipend for the payment of child care of-
5 ferred by a licensed child care center (either directly
6 or through a voucher program) which shall be, to
7 the extent practicable, modeled after the Depart-
8 ment of Veterans Affairs Child Care Subsidy Pro-
9 gram established pursuant to section 590 of title 40.

10 “(B) Direct provision of child care at an on-site
11 facility of the Department.

12 “(C) A payment made directly to a private child
13 care agency.

14 “(D) A collaboration with a facility or program
15 of another Federal department or agency.

16 “(E) Such other form of assistance as the Sec-
17 retary considers appropriate.

18 “(2) In the case that child care assistance under this
19 section is provided as a stipend under paragraph (1)(A),
20 such stipend shall cover the full cost of such child care.

21 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 “(1) The term ‘eligible veteran’ means a vet-
23 eran who—

24 “(A) is the primary caretaker of a child or
25 children; and

1 “(B) is—

2 “(i) receiving covered health care serv-
3 ices from the Department; or

4 “(ii) in need of covered health care
5 services, and but for lack of child care
6 services, would receive such covered health
7 care services from the Department.

8 “(2) The term ‘covered health care services’
9 means—

10 “(A) regular mental health care services;

11 “(B) intensive mental health care services;

12 or

13 “(C) such other intensive health care serv-
14 ices that the Secretary determines that provi-
15 sion of assistance to the veteran to obtain child
16 care would improve access to such health care
17 services by the veteran.”.

18 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
19 at the beginning of such chapter is further amended by
20 inserting after the item relating to section 1730C, as
21 added by this Act, the following new item:

“1730D. Child care for veterans receiving mental health care and other intensive
health care services.”.

