

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 740  
OFFERED BY MRS. MILLER-MEEKS OF IOWA**

At the end of subtitle I, insert the following:

**1 SEC. 106. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERIOD OF VALIDITY FOR**  
**2 REFERRALS UNDER DEPARTMENT OF VET-**  
**3 ERANS AFFAIRS COMMUNITY CARE PRO-**  
**4 GRAM.**

**5** Section 1703(a) of title 38, United States Code, is  
**6** amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
**7** graph:

**8** “(5) The Secretary shall ensure that the time period  
**9** during which a health care provider specified in subsection  
**10** (c) is authorized to furnish care or services to a covered  
**11** veteran begins on the date on which the covered veteran  
**12** has the first appointment with such health care provider.”.

