

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6066
OFFERED BY MR. DUNN OF FLORIDA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HEALTH
2 CARE PRODUCTIVITY IMPROVEMENT.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 17 of title
4 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-
5 tion 1705A the following new section:

6 “§ 1705B. Management of health care: productivity

7 “(a) RELATIVE VALUE UNIT TRACKING.—The Sec-
8 retary shall track relative value units for all Department
9 providers.

10 “(b) CLINICAL PROCEDURE CODING TRAINING.—If
11 the coding accuracy of a Department provider within a
12 clinical area of responsibility of the provider falls below
13 the minimum threshold set by the Secretary, the Secretary
14 shall require the Department provider to attend training
15 on clinical procedure coding.

16 “(c) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS.—(1) The Secretary
17 shall establish for each Department facility—

1 “(A) in accordance with paragraph (2), stand-
2 ardized performance standards based on nationally
3 recognized relative value unit production standards
4 applicable to each specific profession in order to
5 evaluate clinical productivity at the provider and fa-
6 cility level;

7 “(B) remediation plans to address low clinical
8 productivity and clinical inefficiency; and

9 “(C) an ongoing process to systematically re-
10 view the content, implementation, and outcome of
11 the plans developed under subparagraph (B).

12 “(2) In establishing the performance standards under
13 paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary—

14 “(A) may incorporate values-based productivity
15 models and may incorporate other productivity
16 measures and models determined appropriate by the
17 Secretary; and

18 “(B) shall take into account non-clinical duties,
19 including with respect to training and research;

20 “(C) shall take into account factors that impede
21 productivity and efficiency and, in developing reme-
22 diation plans under paragraph (1)(B), shall incor-
23 porate action plans to address such factors.

24 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The term ‘Department provider’ means an
2 employee of the Department who has been appointed
3 to the Veterans Health Administration as a physi-
4 cian, a dentist, an optometrist, a podiatrist, a chiro-
5 practor, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a
6 physician’s assistant acting as an independent pro-
7 vider.

8 “(2) The term ‘relative value unit’ means a unit
9 for measuring workload by determining the time,
10 mental effort and judgment, technical skill, physical
11 effort, and stress involved in delivering a service.”.

12 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
13 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
14 after the item relating to section 1705A the following new
15 item:

 “1705B. Management of health care: productivity.”.

16 (c) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
18 Affairs shall submit to Congress a report on the implemen-
19 tation of section 1705B of title 38, United States Code,
20 as added by subsection (a). Such report shall include, for
21 each professional category of Department of Veterans Af-
22 fairs providers, the relative value unit of such category of
23 providers at the national, Veterans Integrated Service
24 Network, and facility levels.

1 (d) COMPREHENSIVE STAFFING MODELS.—Not later
2 than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall develop comprehen-
4 sive staffing models for all Department of Veterans Af-
5 fairs medical centers.

