

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 1969  
OFFERED BY MS. Dexter**

Page 1, after line 7, insert the following (and redesignate the subsequent subsections accordingly):

1       (a) APPLICATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT GRANTS.—Sec-  
2       tion 201 of the Commander John Scott Hannon Veterans  
3       Mental Health Care Improvement Act of 2019 (Public  
4       Law 116–171; 38 U.S.C. 1720F note) is amended, in sub-  
5       section (f), by adding at the end the following new para-  
6       graph:

7               “(3)   APPLICATIONS       FOR   SUBSEQUENT  
8       GRANTS.—An eligible entity that receives a grant  
9       under this section and that submits an application  
10      for a subsequent grant shall include in such applica-  
11      tion evidence demonstrating that—

12               “(A) the eligible entity used the funds  
13      from the first grant to serve a significant num-  
14      ber of eligible individuals; and

15               “(B) the services provided to eligible indi-  
16      viduals using such funds resulted in dem-  
17      onstrated improvements in the financial sta-  
18      bility, mental health status, well being, social

1 support, and mood-related symptom of the eligi-  
2 ble individuals who received such services.”.

Page 1, line 14, strike “‘September 14, 2026’” and  
insert “‘the date that is three years after the date of the  
enactment of this Act’”.

Page 2, beginning on line 20, strike paragraph (2).

Page 3, line 19, insert “a total of” before  
“\$52,500,000”.

Page 3, line 19, strike “for fiscal year 2026” and  
insert “each of the first three fiscal years that begin after  
the date of the enactment of the No Wrong Door for Vet-  
erans Act”.

Page 4, beginning on line 3, strike paragraph (2).

Page 4, beginning on line 12, strike subsection (f)  
(relating to required use of certain screening protocol)  
and insert the following:

3 (f) REQUIRED USE OF SCREENING PROTOCOL.—

4 Such section is further amended—

5 (1) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the  
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(6) DEVELOPMENT OF SCREENING INSTRU-  
8 MENT.—The Secretary shall develop a screening in-  
9 strument for use by grant recipient to establish a

1        mental health baseline for eligible individuals seeking  
2        who receive health services provided by the recipient  
3        and to determine progress upon the completion of  
4        such services. Such instrument shall be designed to  
5        assess changes in the financial stability, mental  
6        health status, well being, social support, and mood-  
7        related symptom improvements of such individuals.  
8        In developing the screening instrument under this  
9        paragraph, the Secretary may use any of the fol-  
10       lowing validated screening tools:

11               “(A) Patient health questionnaire.  
12               “(B) Generalized self-efficacy scale.  
13               “(C) Interpersonal support evaluation list.  
14               “(D) Socio-economic status.  
15               “(E) The Warwick Edinburgh Mental  
16       Well-Being Scale.  
17               “(F) Any other existing screening tool the  
18       Secretary determines is clinically appropriate.”;

19        (2) in subsection (e)(4), by inserting “and the  
20       screening instrument developed under subsection  
21       (h)(6)” after “subsection (h)(2)”; and

22        (3) in subsection (q)(11)(A)(ii), by inserting after  
23       “risk” the following: “, which in the case of a grant  
24       made on or after the date of the enactment of the  
25       No Wrong Door for Veterans Act, shall be the

1 screening instrument developed under subsection  
2 (h)(6)".

