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To amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the extent to which copayments may be required for veterans receiving Whole Health well-being services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DELUZIO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the “Whole Health for Vet-
- 5 erans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COPAYMENTS FOR WHOLE HEALTH WELL-BEING**2 **SERVICES.**

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

6 **“§ 1730D. Copayments for Whole Health well-being**7 **services.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsections (f)
9 and (g) of section 1710 and section 1722A(a) of this title
10 or any other provision of law, the Secretary may not re-
11 quire a veteran to make any copayment for the receipt
12 by that veteran of Whole Health well-being services, except
13 as provided in this section.

14 “(b) NO COPAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN VETERANS.—
15 The Secretary may not require a veteran within priority
16 group (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) in the system of enrollment
17 under section 1705(a) of this title to make any copayment
18 for the receipt by that veteran of such services.

19 “(c) MONTHLY COPAYMENTS FOR OTHER VET-
20 ERANS.—The Secretary may require a veteran not covered
21 by subsection (b) to make a monthly copayment for the
22 Whole Health well-being services received by that veteran
23 for that month. The monthly copayment may not exceed
24 \$20.

25 “(d) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term ‘Whole
26 Health well-being services’ means—

1 “(1) educational and skill-building services that
2 educate, instruct, and empower veterans to under-
3 stand and implement the principles and practices of
4 Whole Health, such as Whole Health coaching,
5 Whole Health partner sessions, and Whole Health
6 education and skill-building courses; and

7 “(2) complementary and integrative health well-
8 being services that promote health, well-being, and
9 self-care independent of treatment of a specific med-
10 ical condition or diagnosis, such as guided imagery,
11 meditation, Tai Chi/Qigong, and yoga for well-
12 being.”.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended
15 by inserting after the item relating to section 1730C the
16 following new item:

“1730D. Copayments for Whole Health well-being services.”.