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To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the efficiency of the recovery and collection of revenue for the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collections Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. CISCOMANI 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 “Vets Collections, Li-
5 quidity, and Efficiency Accountability for Reinvestment
6 Act” or the “Vets CLEAR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY AND EFFICIENCY FOR COL-**
2 **LECTION OF REVENUE FOR DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CARE COLLEC-**
4 **TIONS FUND .**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1729A of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraphs:

9 “(11) Sections 3711 and 3729 through 3733 of
10 title 31, to the extent that such recovery or collec-
11 tion is based on medical care, services, or medication
12 provided or paid for under this chapter.

13 “(12) Amounts recovered or collected through
14 administrative, legal, or judicial processes, including
15 investigations and audits, to the extent that such re-
16 covery or collection is based on medical care, serv-
17 ices, or medication provided or paid for under this
18 chapter.”;

19 (2) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
20 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

21 (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
22 lowing new subsection:

23 “(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
24 funds directed to the ‘Medical Services’ account to reim-
25 burse such account for the costs of care provided under

1 the following authorities may, at the discretion of the Sec-
2 retary, be deposited in the Medical Care Collections Fund:

3 “(A) Section 1781 of this title.

4 “(B) Section 8111 of this title.

5 “(2) The authority of the Secretary to deposit
6 amounts into the Medical Care Collections Fund pursuant
7 to this subsection shall expire on September 30, 2028.”.

8 (b) GAO REPORTS.—Such section is further amend-
9 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

10 “(g)(1) Not later than 180 days after the date of en-
11 actment of this subsection, and not less frequently than
12 once every 180 days thereafter during period the authority
13 under subsection (c) is effective, the Comptroller General
14 of the United States shall submit to the Committees on
15 Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the House of Rep-
16 resentatives a report on amounts deposited into the Med-
17 ical Care Collections Fund under this section.

18 “(2) Each report required under paragraph (1) shall
19 include—

20 “(A) the total amount of funds recovered or col-
21 lected during the period covered by the report,
22 disaggregated by source of recovery or collection;
23 and

24 “(B) a description of how such funds were ex-
25 pended by the Department, including the categories

- 1 of medical care, services, staffing, or other purposes
- 2 for which the funds were used.”.