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H. R. 10012

To amend title 38, United States Code, to include eyeglass lens fittings in the category of medical services authorized to be furnished to veterans under the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 2024

Ms. MALOY (for herself, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, and Mr. CURTIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. INCLUSION OF EYEGLOSS LENS FITTINGS IN**
4 **MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORIZED TO BE FUR-**
5 **NISHED UNDER VETERANS COMMUNITY**
6 **CARE PROGRAM; REPORT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C) of paragraph
8 (6) of section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is

1 amended by inserting “services, fittings for eyeglass
2 lenses,” after “Optometric”.

3 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
4 fairs shall establish policies and procedures and prescribe
5 regulations to carry out the amendment made by sub-
6 section (a). Under such regulations, the Secretary shall
7 ensure that a veteran eligible to receive medical services
8 from a non-Department of Veterans Affairs provider
9 under section 1703 of title 38, United States Code, can
10 schedule an appointment for a fitting for eyeglass lenses
11 at such a provider in geographic proximity to the veteran.

12 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit
14 to Congress a report that includes—

15 (1) a statement of the status of the implemen-
16 tation of the amendment made by subsection (a);

17 (2) a summary of any challenges faced with re-
18 spect to such implementation;

19 (3) a strategy to mitigate such challenges, if
20 applicable; and

21 (4) an assessment of the benefits for veterans
22 resulting from such amendment.

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