

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To require implementation by the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs of certain recommendations relating to the provision of health care through community care providers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. KING) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Coordinating and
5 Aligning Records to Improve and Normalize Governance
6 for Our Veterans Health Act of 2025” or the “CARING
7 for Our Veterans Health Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPLEMENTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
2 **AFFAIRS OF CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS**
3 **WITH RESPECT TO CARE IN THE COMMUNITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Under Secretary for Health
5 of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that
6 the Office of Integrated Veteran Care, or successor of-
7 fice—

8 (1) develops guidance for the efforts of medical
9 centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs in ob-
10 taining final medical documentation after a veteran
11 receives services from a community care provider
12 pursuant to a referral from that medical center;

13 (2) establishes goals and related performance
14 measures for medical centers of the Department in
15 obtaining initial and final medical documentation
16 from community care providers;

17 (3) establishes and monitors goals and related
18 performance measures for the completion by such
19 providers of core trainings and ensures that such
20 providers complete the required training course; and

21 (4) takes steps to ensure that the Office of In-
22 tegrated Veteran Care, or successor office, and any
23 contractor for that Office communicate clear and ac-
24 curate information to such providers regarding the
25 core trainings recommended or required by that Of-

1 fice, including whether such training is rec-
2 ommended or required.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, and every 120 days there-
5 after until the requirements under subsection (a) are fully
6 implemented, the Under Secretary for Health shall submit
7 to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and
8 the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives a report on steps taken by the Under Sec-
10 retary to implement those requirements.