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[Report No. 115-685]

To provide for certain reporting requirements relating to medical care for women veterans provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs and through contracts entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs with non-Department medical providers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

Mr. CORREA (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Ms. MOORE, Mrs. TORRES, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. BLUNT ROCH-ESTER, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. MCEACHIN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. LOFGREN, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LOEBSACK, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. HANABUSA, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. WALZ, MS. TITUS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. McCollum, and Mr. EVANS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Additional sponsors: Mr. COHEN, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. KILMER, and Mr. THOMPSON of California

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 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
 This Act may be cited as the "Improving Oversight

5 of Women Veterans' Care Act of 2017".

6 SEC. 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON VETERAN ACCESS TO COV7 ERED SEX-SPECIFIC SERVICES UNDER COM8 MUNITY CARE CONTRACTS.

9 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Under Secretary of Vet-10 erans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives 11 12 an annual report on the access of women veterans to cov-13 ered sex-specific medical care under contracts with non-Department medical providers entered into by the Sec-14 15 retary of Veterans Affairs for the provision of hospital care or medical services to veterans eligible for enrollment 16 17 in the patient enrollment system of the Department of Veterans Affairs maintained under section 1705 of title 18 19 38, United States Code. Such report shall include data 20and performance measures for the availability of covered 21 sex-specific medical care, including—

(1) the average wait time between the veteran's
preferred appointment date and the date on which
the appointment is completed;

(2) driving time required for veterans to attend
 appointments; and

3 (3) reasons why appointments could not be
4 scheduled with non-Department medical providers.

5 (b) COVERED SEX-SPECIFIC MEDICAL CARE.—In
6 this section, the term "covered sex-specific medical care"
7 means mammography, maternity care, and gynecological
8 care.

9 SEC. 3. REPORTING ON VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRA10 TION ENVIRONMENT OF CARE STANDARDS 11 FOR WOMEN VETERANS.

12 (a) MEDICAL FACILITY REPORTING.—Each medical 13 facility of the Department shall submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs a quarterly report on the compliance 14 15 and noncompliance of the facility with the environment of care standards for women veterans. Each such report shall 16 include the name of each person associated with such facil-17 ity who is responsible for such compliance and the specific 18 role or responsibility assigned to each such person. 19

(b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 180 days
after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on
Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the plan of the Secretary to
strengthen the environment of care standards for women

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1	veterans at Department of Veterans Affairs medical facili-
2	ties. Such report shall include—
3	(1) a description of the process established to
4	verify that noncompliance information reported
5	under subsection (a) is accurate and complete; and
6	(2) a description of the method by which the
7	Secretary will—
8	(A) ensure that all patient care areas of
9	each Department medical facility are inspected
10	as required; and
11	(B) expand the list of items that facility
12	staff inspect for compliance to align with the
13	women's health handbook of the Veterans
14	Health Administration.
15	(c) Environment of Care Standards for
16	WOMEN VETERANS.—In this section, the term "environ-
17	ment of care standards for women veterans" has the
18	meaning given that term in Veterans Health Administra-
19	tion Directive $1330.01(1)$.

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