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To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate certain charges under the TRICARE dental program for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2023

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Dental Care for Our
5 Troops Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRICARE DENTAL FOR MEMBERS OF THE SE-**
2 **LECTED RESERVE.**

3 Section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1)—

7 (i) in the paragraph header, by strik-
8 ing “SELECTED RESERVE AND”; and

9 (ii) by striking “for members of the
10 Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve
11 and”;

12 (B) in paragraph (2), in the header, by in-
13 serting “INDIVIDUAL READY” after “OTHER”;
14 and

15 (C) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(5) PLAN FOR SELECTED RESERVE.—A dental
18 benefits plan for members of the Selected Reserve of
19 the Ready Reserve.”;

20 (2) in subsection (d)—

21 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
22 paragraph (4); and

23 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
24 following new paragraph (3):

1 “(3) NO PREMIUM PLANS.—(A) The dental
2 benefits plan established under subsection (a)(5) is
3 a no premium plan.

4 “(B) Members enrolled in a no premium plan
5 may not be charged a premium for benefits provided
6 under the plan.”;

7 (3) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “a mem-
8 ber of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve
9 or”;

10 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (l)
11 as subsections (g) through (m), respectively;

12 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection (f):

14 “(f) COPAYMENTS UNDER NO PREMIUM PLANS.—A
15 member who receives dental care under a no premium plan
16 described in subsection (d)(3) shall pay no charge for any
17 care described in subsection (c).”; and

18 (6) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-
19 graph (4), by striking “subsection (k)(2)” and in-
20 serting “subsection (l)(2)”.

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