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H. R. 1500

To ensure that certain TRICARE program beneficiaries may enroll in TRICARE Prime regardless of the location of their residence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2015

Mr. KLINE (for himself, Mr. LATTA, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. EMMER of Minnesota, and Mr. PETERSON) introduced the following bill; which was 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. ACCESS TO TRICARE PRIME FOR CERTAIN**
4 **BENEFICIARIES.**

5 (a) CLARIFICATION OF 100-MILE LIMIT.—Section
6 732(c)(3) of the National Defense Authorization Act for
7 Fiscal Year 2013 (10 U.S.C. 1097a note) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 “(3) RESIDENCE AT TIME OF ELECTION.—

1 “(A) Except as provided by subparagraph
2 (B), an affected eligible beneficiary may not
3 make the one-time election under paragraph (1)
4 if, at the time of such election, the beneficiary
5 does not reside—

6 “(i) in a ZIP code that is in a region
7 described in subsection (d)(1)(B); and

8 “(ii) within 100 miles of a military
9 medical treatment facility.

10 “(B) Subparagraph (A)(ii) shall not apply
11 with respect to an affected eligible beneficiary
12 who, as of December 25, 2013, resides farther
13 than 100 miles from a military medical treat-
14 ment facility.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
17 ment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
18 Year 2014 (Public Law 113–66).

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