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# H. R. 6997

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the supply of prescription drugs for which the Secretary pays for veterans during a public health emergency.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROY (for himself, Mr. BANKS, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, and Mr. PERRY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Veterans Prescription  
5 Flexibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
2 **OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FOR VETERANS**  
3 **DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

4 (a) INCREASE OF SUPPLY OF PRESCRIPTIONS.—Dur-  
5 ing a public health emergency, the Secretary of Veterans  
6 Affairs shall pay for prescriptions for up to a 90-day sup-  
7 ply of drugs, including over-the-counter drugs and medical  
8 and surgical supplies, written by an eligible health care  
9 provider, notwithstanding section 17.4025(b)(1) of title  
10 38, Code of Federal Regulations, or such successor regula-  
11 tion.

12 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) The term “eligible health care provider”  
14 means a health care provider under section 1703(c)  
15 of title 38, United States Code, or an eligible entity  
16 or provider under section 1703A(b) of such title.

17 (2) The term “public health emergency” means  
18 a public health emergency declared by the Secretary  
19 of Health and Human Services under section 319 of  
20 the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

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