

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 422

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2013

Mr. BLUMENTHAL (for himself, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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 “Chiropractic Care
5 Available to All Veterans Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROGRAM FOR PROVISION OF CHIROPRACTIC**
 2 **CARE AND SERVICES TO VETERANS.**

3 Section 204(c) of the Department of Veterans Affairs
 4 Health Care Programs Enhancement Act of 2001 (Public
 5 Law 107–135; 115 Stat. 2459; 38 U.S.C. 1710 note) is
 6 amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The program”;
 8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 10 paragraph:

11 “(2) The program shall be carried out at not fewer
 12 than 75 medical centers by not later than December 31,
 13 2014, and at all medical centers by not later than Decem-
 14 ber 31, 2016.”.

15 **SEC. 3. EXPANDED CHIROPRACTOR SERVICES AVAILABLE**
 16 **TO VETERANS.**

17 (a) **MEDICAL SERVICES.**—Paragraph (6) of section
 18 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
 19 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

20 “(H) Chiropractic services.”.

21 (b) **REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.**—Paragraph (8) of
 22 such section is amended by inserting “chiropractic,” after
 23 “counseling,”.

24 (c) **PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**—Paragraph
 25 (9) of such section is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)
2 through (K) as subparagraphs (G) through (L), re-
3 spectively; and

4 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-
5 lowing new subparagraph (F):

6 “(F) periodic and preventive chiropractic exami-
7 nations and services;”.

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