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S. 2545

To modify the requirements of the Department of Veterans Affairs for reimbursing health care providers under section 101 of the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 11, 2016

Mrs. SHAHEEN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 Choice Card
5 Prompt Payment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS UNDER THE CHOICE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 101(d)(2) of the Veterans Access, Choice,
5 and Accountability Act of 2014 (Public Law 113–146; 38
6 U.S.C. 1701 note) is amended by adding at the end the
7 following new subparagraph:

8 “(D) PROMPT PAYMENT BY DEPART-
9 MENT.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The receipt by the
11 Secretary of a request for reimbursement
12 for care or services furnished by an entity
13 to an eligible veteran under this section is
14 sufficient to require the Secretary to reim-
15 burse the entity for such care or services,
16 even if such request for reimbursement
17 does not include the medical records of the
18 eligible veteran in connection with such
19 care or services.

20 “(ii) PERIOD FOR PAYMENT.—For
21 purposes of chapter 39 of title 31, United
22 States Code (commonly referred to as the
23 ‘Prompt Payment Act’), the period during
24 which the Secretary is required to reim-
25 burse an entity for care or services fur-
26 nished under this section shall begin on the

1 date on which the Secretary receives a re-
2 quest for reimbursement described in
3 clause (i), even if such request does not in-
4 clude medical records.

5 “(iii) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—
6 Nothing in this subparagraph may be con-
7 strued to eliminate the requirement of an
8 entity seeking reimbursement for care or
9 services furnished under this section to
10 submit medical records to the Secretary in
11 connection with such care or services.”.

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