

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 863

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## AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF GRADE AND PAY OF PODIA-**  
2 **TRISTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **GRADE.**—The list in section 7404(b) of title 38,  
5 United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking “**PODIATRIC SURGEON**  
7 **(DPM)**” and inserting “**PODIATRIST**”; and

8 (2) by inserting after the item relating to “**Phy-**  
9 **sician and surgeon grade.**” the following new item:  
10 “**Podiatrist grade.**”.

11 (b) **PAY.**—

12 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 7431 of such title is  
13 amended—

14 (A) by striking “**physician and dentist**”  
15 each place it appears and inserting “**physician,**  
16 **podiatrist, and dentist**”;

17 (B) by striking “**physicians and dentists**”  
18 each place it appears and inserting “**physicians,**  
19 **podiatrists, and dentists**”;

20 (C) by striking “**physician or dentist**” each  
21 place it appears and inserting “**physician, podi-**  
22 **atrist, or dentist**”;

23 (D) by striking “**physicians or dentists**”  
24 each place it appears and inserting “**physicians,**  
25 **podiatrists, or dentists**”;

1 (E) by striking “Physician and Dentist”  
 2 each place it appears and inserting “Physician,  
 3 Podiatrist, and Dentist”; and

4 (F) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting  
 5 “podiatrists and” before “dentists.”.

6 (2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433  
 7 of such title is amended by striking “physicians and  
 8 dentists” each place it appears and inserting “physi-  
 9 cians, podiatrists, and dentists”.

10 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading  
 11 of subchapter III of chapter 74 of such title is  
 12 amended by inserting “, PODIATRISTS,” after  
 13 “PHYSICIANS”.

14 (4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
 15 tions at the beginning of chapter 74 of such title is  
 16 amended by striking the item relating to subchapter  
 17 III and inserting the following new item:

“SUBCHAPTER III—PAY FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, AND DENTISTS”.

18 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 7433 of  
 19 such title is further amended—

20 (A) by striking subsection (b);

21 (B) in subsection (a)—

22 (i) by striking “(1) The Secretary”  
 23 and inserting “The Secretary”; and

24 (ii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
 25 subsection (b); and

1 (C) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—  
2 (i) by striking “In prescribing” and  
3 inserting “RECOMMENDATIONS AND  
4 VIEWS.—In prescribing”; and  
5 (ii) by striking “this paragraph” and  
6 inserting “this subsection”.

Passed the Senate March 25, 2019.

Attest:

*Secretary.*



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