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To require directors of medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs to submit annual fact sheets to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on the status of such facilities, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona (for himself and Ms. LEE of Nevada) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “VA Medical Center
5 Facility Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR TIMELY SCHEDULING OF AP-**
2 **POINTMENTS AT MEDICAL FACILITIES OF DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating section 1706A as section
7 1706B; and

8 (2) by inserting after section 1706 the following
9 new section:

10 **“§ 1706A. Management of health care: timely sched-**
11 **uling of appointments at Department fa-**
12 **cilities**

13 “(a) REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULING.—In man-
14 aging the provision of hospital care and medical services
15 at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs
16 under this chapter, the Secretary shall ensure that when-
17 ever a covered veteran contacts the Department by tele-
18 phone to request the scheduling of an appointment for
19 care or services for the covered veteran at such a facility,
20 the scheduling for the appointment occurs during that
21 telephone call (regardless of the prospective date of the
22 appointment being scheduled).

23 “(b) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,
24 the term ‘covered veteran’ means a veteran who is enrolled
25 in the system of patient enrollment of the Department
26 under section 1705(a) of this title.

1 “(c) SUNSET.—This section shall terminate on the
2 date that is three years after the date of the enactment
3 of the VA Medical Center Facility Transparency Act.”.

4 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
5 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by striking
6 the item relating to section 1706A and inserting the fol-
7 lowing new items:

“1706A. Management of health care: timely scheduling of appointments at De-
partment facilities.

“1706B. Remediation of medical service lines.”.

8 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
9 section (a) shall apply with respect to requests for appoint-
10 ment scheduling occurring on or after the date that is 180
11 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. INFORMATION ON MEDICAL FACILITIES OF THE DE-**
13 **PARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

14 (a) FACT SHEETS.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
15 fairs shall ensure that each director of a medical center
16 of the Department of Veterans Affairs submits to the Sec-
17 retary, the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House
18 of Representatives and the Senate, and the appropriate
19 Members of Congress the following:

20 (1) An annual concise, easy-to-read fact sheet
21 containing, with respect to the year covered by the
22 fact sheet each of the following:

23 (A) Statistics regarding—

1 (i) the number of veterans who were
2 treated at a medical facility of the Depart-
3 ment under the jurisdiction of the director;

4 (ii) the number of appointments con-
5 ducted by each such facility;

6 (iii) the most common illnesses or con-
7 ditions for which treatment was furnished;

8 (iv) the satisfaction of veterans who
9 were treated at each such facility;

10 (v) how each such facility compares
11 with other facilities with respect to the sat-
12 isfaction of veterans who were treated at
13 the facilities; and

14 (vi) other matters the director deter-
15 mines appropriate.

16 (B) A description of any successes or
17 achievements experienced by such facilities, in-
18 cluding—

19 (i) actions taken to improve such fa-
20 cilities;

21 (ii) actions taken to improve the ac-
22 cess to and quality of the care provided at
23 such facilities; and

24 (iii) any other accomplishments deter-
25 mined appropriate by the director.

1 (C) A description of special areas of em-
2 phasis or specialization by such facilities, such
3 as efforts aimed at meeting the needs of women
4 veterans, suicide prevention and other mental
5 health initiatives, opioid abuse prevention and
6 pain management, or special efforts on veteran
7 homelessness, or other matters as the director
8 determines appropriate.

9 (D) A description of matters concerning
10 such facilities that have previously been identi-
11 fied as deficient and needing remediation that
12 are still in need of such remediation.

13 (2) A quarterly fact sheet containing, with re-
14 spect to the quarter covered by the fact sheet, the
15 average wait time for veterans to receive treatment
16 at the medical facility of the Department under the
17 jurisdiction of the director.

18 (b) AVAILABILITY.—Each fact sheet under sub-
19 section (a) shall be made publicly available—

20 (1) in a physical form at the relevant medical
21 facility of the Department in a conspicuous location;
22 and

23 (2) in an electronic form on the internet website
24 of the facility.

1 (c) TIMING OF FACT SHEETS.—The fact sheets
2 under subsection (a) shall be submitted during the first
3 fiscal year beginning after the date that is 180 days after
4 the date of the enactment of this Act and not less fre-
5 quently than—

6 (1) once each fiscal year thereafter with respect
7 to the annual fact sheet under paragraph (1) of such
8 subsection; and

9 (2) once each fiscal quarter thereafter with re-
10 spect to the quarterly fact sheet under paragraph
11 (2) of such subsection.

12 (d) STANDARDIZED FORMAT.—The Secretary shall
13 establish a standard format for the fact sheets under sub-
14 section (a) to ensure that each director of a medical center
15 of the Department carries out such subsection in a con-
16 sistent manner.

17 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

18 (1) The term “appropriate Members of Con-
19 gress” means, with respect to a medical facility of
20 the Department of Veterans Affairs about which a
21 fact sheet is submitted under subsection (a), the
22 Senators representing the State, and the Member,
23 Delegate, or Resident Commissioner of the House of
24 Representatives representing the district, that in-
25 cludes the facility.

1 (2) The term “State” means each of the several
2 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth
3 of Puerto Rico, and any territory or possession of
4 the United States.

5 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON DETAIL OF DIRECTORS OF MED-**
6 **ICAL CENTERS OF DEPARTMENT OF VET-**
7 **ERANS AFFAIRS TO DIFFERENT POSITIONS.**

8 (a) NOTIFICATION.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
10 detailing a director of a medical center of the De-
11 partment of Veterans Affairs to a different position
12 within the Department, the Secretary of Veterans
13 Affairs shall notify the Committee on Veterans’ Af-
14 fairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans’
15 Affairs of the House of Representatives of such de-
16 tail.

17 (2) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The notifica-
18 tion required by paragraph (1) shall include, with re-
19 spect to a director of a medical center who is de-
20 tailed to a different position within the Department,
21 the following information:

22 (A) The location at which the director is
23 detailed.

24 (B) The position title of the detail.

1 (C) The estimated time the director is ex-
2 pected to be absent from their duties at the
3 medical center.

4 (D) Such other information as the Sec-
5 retary may determine appropriate.

6 (b) APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DIRECTOR.—Not later
7 than 120 days after detailing a director of a medical cen-
8 ter of the Department to a different position within the
9 Department, the Secretary shall appoint an individual as
10 acting director of such medical center with all of the au-
11 thority and responsibilities of the detailed director.

12 (c) UPDATE ON DETAIL.—Not later than 120 days
13 after detailing a director of a medical center of the De-
14 partment to a different position within the Department,
15 and not less frequently than every 30 days thereafter while
16 the detail is in effect or while the director position at the
17 medical center is vacant, the Secretary shall submit to the
18 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and the
19 Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Rep-
20 resentatives an update regarding the status of the detail.

21 (d) RETURN TO POSITION OR REASSIGNMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
23 graph (2), not later than 180 days after detailing a
24 director of a medical center of the Department to a
25 different position within the Department, for a rea-

1 son other than an ongoing investigation or adminis-
2 trative action with respect to the director, the Sec-
3 retary shall—

4 (A) return the individual to the position as
5 director of the medical center; or

6 (B) reassign the individual from the posi-
7 tion as director of the medical center and begin
8 the process of hiring a new director for such po-
9 sition.

10 (2) WAIVER.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
12 waive the requirement under paragraph (1)
13 with respect to an individual for successive 90-
14 day increments for a total period of not more
15 than 540 days from the original date the indi-
16 vidual was detailed away from their position as
17 director of a medical center.

18 (B) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than 30
19 days after exercising a waiver under subpara-
20 graph (A), the Secretary shall notify Congress
21 of the waiver and provide to Congress informa-
22 tion as to why the waiver is necessary.

1 **SEC. 5. SUNSET.**

2 The requirements of this Act shall terminate on the
3 date that is three years after the date of the enactment
4 of this Act.

