Public Law 96-173
96th Congress

An Act

To amend title 10, United States Code, to provide that any person eligible for medical care under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS) who is a veteran with a service-connected disability may not be denied care and treatment for such disability under CHAMPUS solely because such person is eligible for care and treatment for such disability in Veterans' Administration facilities.

Dec. 29, 1979
[H.R. 5025]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1086 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

CHAMPUS eligibility, expansion.

"(g) Notwithstanding subsection (d) or any other provision of this chapter, no person eligible for health benefits under this section may be denied benefits under this section with respect to care or treatment for any service-connected disability which is compensable under chapter 11 of title 38 solely on the basis that such person is entitled to care or treatment for such disability in Veterans' Administration facilities.".

SEC. 2. The amendment made by the first section of this Act shall take effect on October 1, 1979.

Effective date. 10 USC 1086 note.

Approved December 29, 1979.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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