

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2104

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 1997

Mrs. THURMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on National Security

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. PORTABILITY AND RECIPROCITY OF TRICARE**
4 **PRIME ENROLLMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the TRICARE
6 program, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure that per-
7 sons who enroll in the managed care option of the
8 TRICARE program, known as TRICARE Prime, in one

1 region of the TRICARE program are entitled to transfer
2 their enrollment (without penalty or additional cost) to an-
3 other region of the TRICARE program whenever the ben-
4 eficiary resides or travels in the other region.

5 (b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
6 term “TRICARE program” means the managed health
7 care program that is established by the Department of De-
8 fense under the authority of chapter 55 of title 10, United
9 States Code, principally section 1097 of such title, and
10 includes the competitive selection of contractors to finan-
11 cially underwrite the delivery of health care services under
12 the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uni-
13 formed Services.

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