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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANSION OF MEDICARE EXCEPTION TO THE**
2 **PROHIBITION OF CHAMPUS COVERAGE FOR**
3 **CARE COVERED BY ANOTHER HEALTH CARE**
4 **PLAN.**

5 (a) AMENDMENT AND REORGANIZATION OF EXCEP-
6 TIONS.—Subsection (d) of section 1086 of title 10, United
7 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 “(d)(1) Section 1079(j) of this title shall apply to a
9 plan contracted for under this section except as follows:

10 “(A) Subject to paragraph (2), a benefit may
11 be paid under such plan in the case of a person re-
12 ferred to in subsection (c) for items and services for
13 which payment is made under title XVIII of the So-
14 cial Security Act.

15 “(B) No person eligible for health benefits
16 under this section may be denied benefits under this
17 section with respect to care or treatment for any
18 service-connected disability which is compensable
19 under chapter 11 of title 38 solely on the basis that
20 such person is entitled to care or treatment for such
21 disability in facilities of the Department of Veterans
22 Affairs.

23 “(2) If a person described in paragraph (1)(A) re-
24 ceives medical or dental care for which payment may be
25 made under both title XVIII of the Social Security Act
26 (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) and a plan contracted for under

1 subsection (a), the amount payable for that care under
2 the plan may not exceed the difference between—

3 “(A) the sum of any deductibles, coinsurance,
4 and balance billing charges that would be imposed
5 on the person if payment for that care were made
6 solely under that title; and

7 “(B) the sum of any deductibles, coinsurance,
8 and balance billing charges that would be imposed
9 on the person if payment for that care were made
10 solely under the plan.

11 “(3) A plan contracted for under this section shall
12 not be considered a group health plan or large group
13 health plan for the purposes of paragraph (2) or (3) of
14 section 1862(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395y(b)).

16 “(4) A person who, by reason of the application of
17 paragraph (1), receives a benefit for items or services
18 under a plan contracted for under this section shall pro-
19 vide the Secretary of Defense with any information relat-
20 ing to amounts charged and paid for the items and serv-
21 ices that, after consulting with the other administering
22 Secretaries, the Secretary requires. A certification of such
23 person regarding such amounts may be accepted for the
24 purposes of determining the benefit payable under this
25 section.”.

1 (b) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED PROVISION.—Such sec-
2 tion is further amended—

3 (1) by striking out subsection (g); and

4 (2) by redesignating subsection (h) as sub-
5 section (g).

6 **SEC. 2. CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**

7 Section 1713(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
8 amended by striking out “section 1086(d)(1) of title 10
9 or”.

10 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
12 with respect to health care items or services provided on
13 and after the date of enactment of this Act.

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