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To amend title 10, United States Code, to allow certain beneficiaries covered by TRICARE for Life to be reimbursed for travel expenses for certain medical care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SPRATT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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. REQUIREMENT TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN TRAV-**
4 **EL EXPENSES OF CERTAIN BENEFICIARIES**
5 **COVERED BY TRICARE FOR LIFE.**

6 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1074i of title 10,
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new subsection:

9 “(c) TRICARE FOR LIFE BENEFICIARIES.—

1 “(1) An eligible TRICARE for Life beneficiary
2 shall be provided reimbursement for travel expenses
3 to a military medical treatment facility if—

4 “(A) the purpose of the travel is for a fol-
5 low-up appointment for medical treatment of a
6 condition of the beneficiary; and

7 “(B) the initial appointment for medical
8 treatment of the condition was at the same fa-
9 cility.

10 “(2) Reimbursement under this subsection
11 shall, as nearly as practicable, be under the same
12 terms and conditions, and shall be at the same rate,
13 as apply to beneficiary travel reimbursement pro-
14 vided under subsection (a), except that reimburse-
15 ment shall be provided—

16 “(A) for no more than three follow-up ap-
17 pointments; and

18 “(B) only if adequate follow-up medical
19 treatment, as determined under the TRICARE
20 program, cannot be obtained within 100 miles
21 of the residence of the beneficiary.

22 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘eligible
23 TRICARE for Life beneficiary’ means a person—

1 “(A) who is eligible for health benefits
2 under section 1086 of this title by reason of
3 subsection (d)(2)(A) of that section;

4 “(B) who attained age 65 after an initial
5 appointment for medical treatment at a military
6 medical treatment facility; and

7 “(C) who resides more than 100 miles
8 from the military medical treatment facility and
9 was referred to such facility for treatment by a
10 specialty care provider.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (c) of section
12 1074i of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
13 section (a), shall apply with respect to beneficiaries who
14 attain age 65 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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