

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 836

To require the Secretary of Defense to take such actions as are necessary to change the reimbursement rates and cost sharing requirements under the TRICARE program to be the same as, or as similar as possible to, the reimbursement rates and cost sharing requirements under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Standard Plan provided under the Federal Employee Health Benefit program under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Mr. NORWOOD introduced the following bill; which was 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. REQUIREMENT FOR TRICARE PROGRAM TO**  
2 **HAVE REIMBURSEMENT RULES AND COST**  
3 **SHARING REQUIREMENTS EQUIVALENT TO**  
4 **BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD STANDARD PLAN.**

5 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—The Secretary of Defense shall  
6 take such actions as are necessary to change the reim-  
7 bursement rules and cost sharing requirements under the  
8 TRICARE program to be the same as, or as similar as  
9 possible to, the reimbursement rules and cost sharing re-  
10 quirements under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Standard  
11 Plan provided under the Federal Employee Health Benefit  
12 program under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

13 (b) **DEFINITION.**—In this section, the term  
14 “TRICARE program” has the meaning provided under  
15 section 1072(7) of title 10, United States Code.

16 (c) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Secretary of Defense  
17 shall implement the requirement under subsection (a) not  
18 later than October 1, 2006.

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