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# H. R. 917

To amend title 38, United States Code, to permit eligible veterans to receive direct access to chiropractic care.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 2005

Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Better Access to Chiro-  
5 practors to Keep our Veterans Healthy Act (BACK Vet-  
6 erans Health Act)”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED CHIROPRACTOR SERVICES AVAILABLE**  
2 **TO VETERANS.**

3 (a) **MEDICAL SERVICES.**—Paragraph (6) of section  
4 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-  
5 ing at the end the following new subparagraph:

6 “(G) Chiropractic services.”.

7 (b) **REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.**—Paragraph (8) of  
8 such section is amended by inserting “chiropractic,” after  
9 “counseling,”.

10 (c) **PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES.**—Paragraph  
11 (9) of such section is amended —

12 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (F)  
13 through (K) as subparagraphs (G) through (L), re-  
14 spectively; and

15 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-  
16 lowing new subparagraph (F):

17 “(F) periodic and preventative chiropractic ex-  
18 aminations and services;”.

19 **SEC. 3. DIRECT ACCESS FOR VETERANS TO CHIROPRACTIC**  
20 **SERVICES.**

21 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Chapter 17 of title 38, United  
22 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1710B  
23 the following new section:

24 **“§ 1710C. Direct access to chiropractic services**

25 “(a) The Secretary shall permit eligible veterans to  
26 receive needed medical services, rehabilitative services, and

1 preventative health services from a licensed doctor of  
2 chiropractic on a direct access basis at the election of the  
3 eligible veteran, if such services are within the State scope  
4 of practice of such doctor of chiropractic.

5 “(b) The Secretary shall not discriminate among li-  
6 censed health-care providers in the determination of need-  
7 ed services.”.

8 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
9 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
10 after the item relating to section 1710B the following new  
11 item:

“1710C. Direct access to chiropractic services.”.

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