

110TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4024

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 31, 2007

Mr. BOOZMAN 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Christopher Van Der
5 Horn Military Survivors Mental Health Access Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE VISITS BY DE-**
2 **PENDENTS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE**
3 **ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1079(i) of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(4)(A) With respect to outpatient mental health
8 services for dependents described in subparagraph (B),
9 preadmission authorization is not required for the first 16
10 visits.

11 “(B) Subparagraph (A) applies to outpatient mental
12 health services for a dependent of a member of the armed
13 forces who died while eligible to receive hostile fire pay
14 under section 310 of title 37 or from a disease or injury
15 incurred while eligible for such pay.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Paragraph (4) of section
17 1079(i) of title 10, United States Code, as added by sub-
18 section (a), shall apply to dependents of members of the
19 Armed Forces described in subparagraph (B) of that para-
20 graph who died on or after September 11, 2001.

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