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H. R. 3422

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish credentialing requirements for medical vendors.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. WALORSKI (for herself and Mr. WALZ) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “VA Vendor Verification
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CREDEN-**
2 **TIALING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICAL VEN-**
3 **DORS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 81 of
5 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 8129. Credentialing requirements for medical ven-**
8 **dors**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
10 uniform standards applicable to the credentialing of all
11 medical vendors from which the Secretary procures goods
12 or services. Such standards shall be based on the stand-
13 ards prescribed in the document entitled ‘Joint Rec-
14 ommendation for Healthcare Industry Representative
15 (HCIR) Credentialing Best Practices’ by the Coalition for
16 Best Practices in HCIR Requirements. The Secretary
17 shall update such standards to be consistent with any revi-
18 sion or update to the Joint Recommendation for
19 Healthcare Industry Representative (HCIR) Credentialing
20 Best Practices.

21 “(b) MEDICAL VENDOR DEFINED.—In this section,
22 the term ‘medical vendor’ means a health care industry
23 representative, including a surgical implant vendor.”.

24 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
25 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding

1 at the end of the items relating to subchapter II the fol-
2 lowing new item:

“8129. Credentialing requirements for medical vendors.”.

3 (c) APPLICABILITY.—Section 8129 of title 38, United
4 States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply—

5 (1) to any medical vendor (as such term is de-
6 fined in subsection (b) of such section) with whom
7 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs enters into a con-
8 tract on or after the date of the enactment of this
9 Act; and

10 (2) to a medical vendor (as such term is defined
11 in subsection (b) of such section) with whom the
12 Secretary has entered into a contract before the date
13 of the enactment of this Act under which the med-
14 ical vendor is obligated to provide goods or services
15 on or after the date of the enactment of this Act,
16 on or after the date this is one year after the date
17 of the enactment of this Act.

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