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H. R. 5932

To amend title 38, United States Code, to eliminate copayments by the Department of Veterans Affairs for medicines relating to preventive health services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

Ms. DUCKWORTH (for herself and Mr. ZELDIN) 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 “Veterans Preventive
5 Health Coverage Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES**
2 **FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**
3 **AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **ELIMINATION OF MEDICATION COPAYMENTS.**—
5 Section 1722A(a)(3) of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period
9 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(D) medication that is or is part of a preven-
13 tive health service.”.

14 (b) **ELIMINATION OF HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL**
15 **SERVICES COPAYMENTS.**—Section 1710 of such title is
16 amended—

17 (1) in subsection (f)—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
19 paragraph (6); and

20 (B) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
21 following new paragraph (5):

22 “(5) A veteran shall not be liable to the United
23 States under this subsection for any amounts for
24 preventive health services.”; and

25 (2) in subsection (g)(3), by adding at the end
26 the following new subparagraph:

1 “(C) Preventive health services.”.

2 (c) DEFINITION.—Section 1701(9) of such title is
3 amended—

4 (1) in subparagraph (J), by striking “; and”
5 and inserting a semicolon;

6 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (K) as sub-
7 paragraph (L); and

8 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (J) the fol-
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(K) items or services covered by para-
11 graphs (1), (2), or (4) of section 2713(a) of the
12 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–
13 13(a));”.

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