

One Hundred Sixteenth Congress
of the
United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Thursday,
the third day of January, two thousand and nineteen*

An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the grade and pay of podiatrists
of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of
the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. CLARIFICATION OF GRADE AND PAY OF PODIATRISTS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

(a) GRADE.—The list in section 7404(b) of title 38, United States
Code, is amended—

(1) by striking “PODIATRIC SURGEON (DPM)” and
inserting “PODIATRIST”; and

(2) by inserting after the item relating to “Physician and
surgeon grade.” the following new item:
“Podiatrist grade.”.

(b) PAY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 7431 of such title is amended—

(A) by striking “physician and dentist” each place it
appears and inserting “physician, podiatrist, and dentist”;

(B) by striking “physicians and dentists” each place
it appears and inserting “physicians, podiatrists, and den-
tists”;

(C) by striking “physician or dentist” each place it
appears and inserting “physician, podiatrist, or dentist”;

(D) by striking “physicians or dentists” each place it
appears and inserting “physicians, podiatrists, or dentists”;

(E) by striking “Physician and Dentist” each place it
appears and inserting “Physician, Podiatrist, and Dentist”;
and

(F) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by inserting “podiatrists
and” before “dentists.”.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS.—Section 7433 of such title
is amended by striking “physicians and dentists” each place
it appears and inserting “physicians, podiatrists, and dentists”.

(3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The heading of subchapter
III of chapter 74 of such title is amended by inserting “, PODIA-
TRISTS,” after “PHYSICIANS”.

(4) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the
beginning of chapter 74 of such title is amended by striking
the item relating to subchapter III and inserting the following
new item:

“SUBCHAPTER III—PAY FOR PHYSICIANS, PODIATRISTS, AND DENTISTS”.

(5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—Section 7433 of such title
is further amended—

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- (A) by striking subsection (b);
- (B) in subsection (a)—
 - (i) by striking “(1) The Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”; and
 - (ii) by redesignating paragraph (2) as subsection (b); and
- (C) in subsection (b), as so redesignated—
 - (i) by striking “In prescribing” and inserting “RECOMMENDATIONS AND VIEWS.—In prescribing”; and
 - (ii) by striking “this paragraph” and inserting “this subsection”.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*