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H. R. 874

To amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the rate of pay for care or services provided under the Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on the location at which such care or services were provided, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Mr. McCORMICK 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. RATES OF PAY FOR A PROVIDER OF CARE OR**
2 **SERVICES FURNISHED TO A VETERAN UNDER**
3 **THE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM OF THE**
4 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) RATES.—Section 1703(i) of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) by striking “Except as provided in
9 paragraph (2), and to the extent practicable”
10 and inserting “(A) To the extent practicable”;
11 and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraphs:

14 “(B) The Secretary shall establish rates for payments
15 under subparagraph (A) that are specific with respect to
16 the following locations at which the care or services were
17 provided (regardless of the location of the headquarters
18 of the provider):

19 “(i) An inpatient hospital.

20 “(ii) An on-campus hospital outpatient depart-
21 ment.

22 “(iii) An off-campus hospital outpatient depart-
23 ment.

24 “(iv) An ambulatory surgical center.

25 “(v) The office of a physician.

1 “(C) The Secretary shall ensure that a claim for pay-
2 ment under this paragraph includes a unique, geographi-
3 cally specific national provider identifier code that identi-
4 fies the location of the provider as described in subpara-
5 graph (B).”; and

6 (2) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(7) If the Secretary may pay more than one rate
9 under this paragraph for care or services, the Secretary
10 shall pay the lowest such rate.”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

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