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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to coordinate with the Secretary of Health and Human Services in administering the Veterans Community Care Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. COORDINATION BETWEEN DEPARTMENT OF**
2 **VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF**
3 **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WITH RE-**
4 **SPECT TO ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS**
5 **COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, for pur-
8 poses of coordinating medical benefits and hospital care
9 and medical services furnished under the laws adminis-
10 tered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, seek to enter
11 into a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary
12 of Health and Human Services with respect to reciprocal
13 access between the Veterans Health Administration and
14 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to data
15 and information for veterans who are concurrently en-
16 rolled in the patient enrollment system under section
17 1705(a) of title 38, United States Code, and—

18 (1) the Medicare program; or

19 (2) a Medicare Advantage plan.

20 (b) VETERANS COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM ADMIN-
21 ISTRATION.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—In administering the Vet-
23 erans Community Care Program under section 1703
24 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary of
25 Veterans Affairs, acting through the Office of Inte-
26 grated Veteran Care of the Veterans Health Admin-

1 istration, shall use the information transmitted to
2 the Secretary by the Secretary of Health and
3 Human Services pursuant to the memorandum of
4 understanding required under subsection (a) to—

5 (A) ensure, with respect to veterans who
6 are concurrently enrolled in the patient enroll-
7 ment system under section 1705(a) of such title
8 and the Medicare program, that the Depart-
9 ment of Veterans Affairs does not—

10 (i) furnish duplicative health care to
11 such veterans; or

12 (ii) make erroneous or duplicative
13 payments for health care furnished to such
14 veterans; and

15 (B) identify specialized MA plans for spe-
16 cial needs individuals that the Secretary deter-
17 mines offer benefits important for veteran
18 health care, including at least three of the ben-
19 efit categories described in paragraph (2).

20 (2) BENEFIT CATEGORIES DESCRIBED.—The
21 benefit categories described in this paragraph are
22 the following:

23 (A) Adaptive sports equipment.

24 (B) Hearing aids and related audiology
25 services.

1 (C) Integrated traumatic brain injury re-
2 habilitation.

3 (D) Hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

4 (E) Massage therapy.

5 (F) Residential rehabilitation.

6 (G) Complementary and integrative health
7 services.

8 (H) Other benefits or services the Sec-
9 retary determines are effective in improving
10 health outcomes for veterans.

11 (c) COORDINATION OFFICES.—

12 (1) VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.—The
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, acting through the
14 Office of Integrated Veteran Care of the Veterans
15 Health Administration, may coordinate with the Sec-
16 retary of Health and Human Services to establish an
17 office (to be known as the “Veterans Affairs-Medi-
18 care Dual Eligibility Coordination Office”) within
19 the Office of Integrated Veteran Care.

20 (2) CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID
21 SERVICES.—The Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services, acting through the Director of the Centers
23 for Medicare and Medicaid Services, may coordinate
24 with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to establish
25 a office (to be known as the “Medicare-Veterans Af-

1 fairs Dual Eligibility Coordination Office”) within
2 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

3 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “Medicare Advantage plan”
5 means a Medicare Advantage plan under the pro-
6 gram established under part C of title XVIII of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21 et seq.).

8 (2) The term “Medicare program” means the
9 Medicare program under such title.

10 (3) The terms “specialized MA plan for special
11 needs individuals” and “special needs individual”
12 have the meaning given such terms in section
13 1859(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 1395w–28(b)(6)).

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