

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . PILOT PROGRAM TO MAKE MIDWIVES AVAIL-**
2 **ABLE THROUGH TRICARE.**

3 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after
4 the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary
5 shall begin a 5-year pilot program to provide covered mid-
6 wives under the TRICARE program to covered bene-
7 ficiaries.

8 (b) PERMANENT PROGRAM.—If the Secretary deter-
9 mines after the termination of the pilot program that such
10 pilot program was successful, the Secretary may issue
11 such regulations to establish a permanent program to
12 make covered midwives available to covered beneficiaries
13 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

14 (c) REPORTS.—

15 (1) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT.—Not later than
16 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
17 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on
18 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and

1 the Senate a plan to implement the pilot program
2 required by subsection (a).

3 (2) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 1 year
4 after the date on which the pilot program begins and
5 annually thereafter until the date that is 1 year
6 after the termination of the pilot program, the Sec-
7 retary shall submit to the Committees on Armed
8 Services of the House of Representatives and the
9 Senate a report including:

10 (A) The total cost of the pilot program and
11 the cost per covered beneficiary who received
12 care under the pilot program.

13 (B) The total number of covered bene-
14 ficiaries who received care under the pilot pro-
15 gram.

16 (C) The race, ethnicity, age, sex, relation-
17 ship status, Armed Force, military occupation,
18 and rank, as applicable, of covered beneficiaries
19 who received care under the pilot program.

20 (D) An assessment of the effects of the
21 pilot program on quality of care, including—

22 (i) on maternal and fetal outcomes;

23 and

24 (ii) on the number of pre-term births,

25 low-weight births, and rates of caesarean

1 section, and such other data points as the
2 Secretary determines appropriate.

3 (E) An assessment of patient satisfaction
4 of covered beneficiaries who received care
5 through the pilot program.

6 (F) An assessment of access to maternity
7 and labor and delivery care for covered bene-
8 ficiaries, including average wait time for an ini-
9 tial appointment and average travel time to the
10 provider.

11 (G) An assessment of the effectiveness of
12 the pilot program.

13 (H) Recommendations for adjustments to
14 the pilot program.

15 (I) The estimated cost savings as a result
16 of improved maternal and fetal health outcomes
17 due to the pilot program.

18 (J) The Secretary of Defense's rec-
19 ommendations relating to changes to the pilot
20 program, an extension of the pilot program, and
21 whether the pilot program should be expanded
22 made permanent.

23 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

24 (1) The terms “covered beneficiary” and
25 “TRICARE program” have the meanings given such

1 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
2 Code.

3 (2) The term “covered midwives” means a cer-
4 tified professional midwife or certified midwife who
5 meets—

6 (A) the international definition of a mid-
7 wife and global standards for midwifery edu-
8 cation as established by the International Con-
9 federation of Midwives, and

10 (B) such professional credentialing require-
11 ments as may be required to practice midwifery
12 under State law.

13 (3) The term “pilot program” means the pilot
14 program required under subsection (a).

15 (4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
16 of Defense.

