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To direct the Secretary of Defense to carry out a pilot program under which a TRICARE Prime beneficiary may access obstetrical and gynecological care without a referral, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HORSFORD (for himself, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. GOODLANDER, and Ms. MCBRIDE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “TRICARE OBGYN
5 Treatment and Access without Lags in Care Act” or the
6 “TOTAL Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PILOT PROGRAM ON ACCESS TO OBSTETRICAL AND**
2 **GYNECOLOGICAL CARE UNDER TRICARE**
3 **PRIME PROGRAM.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Beginning not later than 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
6 retary of Defense shall carry out a pilot program under
7 which—

8 (1) the referral requirement in section
9 1095f(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, does not
10 apply with respect to obstetrical and gynecological
11 care for covered participants, including the ordering
12 of related obstetrical and gynecological items and
13 services; and

14 (2) covered participants may elect to designate
15 an obstetrical or gynecological care provider under
16 the TRICARE program as an additional designated
17 primary care manager under such section.

18 (b) DURATION.—The Secretary shall carry out the
19 pilot program for a period of five years.

20 (c) REPORT.—Not later than four years after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall sub-
22 mit to the congressional defense committees a report on
23 the pilot program that includes the following:

24 (1) An assessment of any increases or decreases
25 to TRICARE Prime enrollment during the period in
26 which the Secretary carries out the pilot program.

1 (2) An assessment of any changes in the associ-
2 ated costs of providing obstetrical and gynecological
3 care under TRICARE Prime.

4 (3) Any other matters the Secretary determines
5 appropriate.

6 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “congressional defense commit-
8 tees” has the meaning given that term in section
9 101(a)(16) of title 10, United States Code.

10 (2) The term “covered participant” means a fe-
11 male beneficiary enrolled in TRICARE Prime who
12 elects to participate in the pilot program.

13 (3) The terms “TRICARE Prime” and
14 “TRICARE program” have the meaning given those
15 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
16 Code.

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