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To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance the sharing of health-care resources between the Department of Veterans Affairs and State Veterans Homes, 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

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 “Timely Agreements
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN AGREEMENTS BE-**
2 **TWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
3 **FAIRS AND STATE VETERANS HOMES FOR**
4 **THE SHARING OF HEALTH-CARE RESOURCES.**

5 (a) **TIMELY DECISIONS ON CERTAIN PROPOSALS.—**

6 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Chapter 81 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
8 section 8153 the following new section:

9 **“§ 8153a. Sharing of health-care resources with State**
10 **homes; timely decisions on certain pro-**
11 **posals**

12 “(a) In a case in which a State home submits to the
13 Secretary a proposal for an agreement under section 8153
14 involving the purchase by the State home of pharma-
15 ceuticals or durable medical equipment, or both, the Sec-
16 retary shall either approve or reject the proposal by the
17 date (in this section referred to as the ‘decision date’) that
18 is 60 calendar days after the date on which the proposal
19 was received.

20 “(b) If such a proposal is not approved or rejected
21 by the decision date, the proposal shall be deemed ap-
22 proved and given effect.

23 “(c) The rejection of such a proposal shall not pre-
24 clude the State home from submitting, or the Secretary
25 from negotiating or approving, subsequent proposals.

1 “(d) The Secretary shall enable State homes to sub-
2 mit such proposals by hand delivery, mail, facsimile, elec-
3 tronic mail, and any other mechanism the Secretary con-
4 siders appropriate.

5 “(e) The Secretary shall establish and make available
6 a standard template for such proposals.”.

7 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
8 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
9 by inserting after the item relating to section 8153
10 the following new item:

“8153a. Sharing of health-care resources with State homes; requirements for
certain agreements.”.

11 (3) IMPLEMENTATION DATE.—The standard
12 template required by section 8153a of title 38,
13 United States Code, as added by this section, shall
14 be established and made available not later than 180
15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

16 (b) PROVISION OF CARE WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT
17 NOT A DEFICIENCY.—Section 162 of the Joseph Maxwell
18 Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Bene-
19 fits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022 (division
20 U of Public Law 117–328; 136 Stat. 5430; 38 U.S.C.
21 1741 note) is amended—

22 (1) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-
23 section (e); and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
2 lowing new subsection:

3 “(d) PROVISION OF CARE WITHOUT AN AGREEMENT
4 NOT A DEFICIENCY.—Notwithstanding section 1742 of
5 title 38, United States Code, the Secretary shall ensure
6 that, if a State home provides care to an eligible veteran
7 when there is no applicable agreement in place with the
8 Department under section 8153 of such title, the fact that
9 no applicable agreement is in place shall not, in and of
10 itself, be treated as an inspection violation or deficiency.”.

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