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# H. R. 9476

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.

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## 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

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## 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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