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# S. 2981

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MORAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans Prosthetics  
5       Advancement and Reform Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
2 **AFFAIRS PROSTHETIC AND REHABILITATIVE**  
3 **ITEMS AND SERVICE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1709C  
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1709D. Prosthetic and rehabilitative items and**  
8 **services formulary**

9 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a  
10 list of prosthetic and rehabilitative items and services,  
11 which may be referred to as the ‘Prosthetic and Rehabili-  
12 tative Items and Services Formulary’ or the ‘Formulary’,  
13 for purposes of furnishing medical services under section  
14 1701(6)(F) of this title pursuant to section 1710 of this  
15 title.

16 “(b) REQUIREMENTS.—

17 “(1) INPUT.—In developing the Formulary, the  
18 Secretary shall solicit input from veterans and the  
19 public.

20 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF ITEMS.—The Secretary  
21 shall ensure that all items and services included in  
22 the Formulary are available at or through all facili-  
23 ties of the Department.

24 “(3) ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED.—In developing  
25 the Formulary, the Secretary shall rely on the best

1 available evidence to identify which items and serv-  
2 ices should be included on the Formulary.

3 “(c) PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION.—

4 “(1) PUBLICATION AND UPDATE.—The Sec-  
5 retary shall publish the Formulary on a website of  
6 the Department and shall update the Formulary pe-  
7 riodically.

8 “(2) COMMUNICATION.—The Secretary shall  
9 communicate to veterans the contents of the For-  
10 mulary and information about how to appeal deci-  
11 sions regarding the provision of items and services  
12 on the Formulary.

13 “(d) CONTRACTS.—The Secretary shall enter into  
14 such contracts as the Secretary considers necessary to  
15 support the availability of items and services included in  
16 the Formulary.

17 “(e) TRAINING.—The Secretary shall ensure the  
18 availability of training on the Formulary for clinicians and  
19 other staff of the Department.

20 “(f) EXCEPTIONS.—

21 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-  
22 lish a process for clinicians of the Department to re-  
23 quest, prescribe, and furnish prosthetic and rehabili-  
24 tative items and services that are not included on  
25 the Formulary when medically necessary.

1           “(2) MONITORING OF NON-FORMULARY ITEMS  
2           AND SERVICES.—The Secretary shall monitor re-  
3           quests, prescriptions, and the furnishing of pros-  
4           thetic and rehabilitative items and services under  
5           paragraph (1)—

6                   “(A) to ensure that such items and serv-  
7                   ices are being consistently and appropriately  
8                   prescribed at all facilities of the Department;  
9                   and

10                   “(B) to determine whether such items or  
11                   services should be added to the Formulary.

12           “(g) CONSIDERATION.—In developing the Formulary,  
13           the Secretary shall consider how the approach of the Phar-  
14           macy Benefits Management Services of the Department  
15           for formulary management and medication safety can be  
16           adapted to support the efficient and effective administra-  
17           tion of the Formulary.”.

18           (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19           at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
20           after the item relating to section 1709C the following new  
21           item:

“1709D. Prosthetic and rehabilitative items and services formulary”.

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