

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a report on the future availability of TRICARE Prime throughout the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—112th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 3254

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2013 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and
ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER

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1 At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following:

2 **SEC. 704. REPORT ON THE FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF**

3 **TRICARE PRIME THROUGHOUT THE UNITED**

4 **STATES.**

5 (a) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 120 days

6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary

7 of Defense shall submit to the Committees on Armed Serv-

8 ices of the Senate and the House of Representatives a re-

9 port setting forth the policy of the Department of Defense

10 on the future availability of TRICARE Prime under the

1 TRICARE program for eligible beneficiaries in all
2 TRICARE regions throughout the United States.

3 (b) ELEMENTS.—The report required by subsection
4 (a) shall include the following:

5 (1) A description, by region, of the difference in
6 availability of TRICARE Prime for eligible bene-
7 ficiaries (other than eligible beneficiaries on active
8 duty in the Armed Forces) under newly-awarded
9 TRICARE managed care contracts, including, in
10 particular, an identification of the regions or areas
11 in which TRICARE Prime will no longer be avail-
12 able for such beneficiaries under such contracts.

13 (2) A description of the transition and outreach
14 plans for eligible beneficiaries described in para-
15 graph (1) who will no longer have access to
16 TRICARE Prime under the contracts described in
17 that paragraph.

18 (3) An estimate of the increased costs to be in-
19 curred for healthcare under the TRICARE program
20 for eligible beneficiaries described in paragraph (2).

21 (4) An estimate of the saving to be achieved by
22 the Department as a result of the contracts de-
23 scribed in paragraph (1).

24 (5) A description of the plans of the Depart-
25 ment to continue to assess the impact on access to

1 healthcare for eligible beneficiaries described in
2 paragraph (2).