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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 1993

Mr. HALL of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. SPECIAL PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM FOR**
2 **CERTAIN COVERED BENEFICIARIES.**

3 (a) PROVISION BY MAIL OR PRESCRIPTION CARD RE-
4 QUIRED.—(1) Chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code,
5 is amended by inserting after section 1074c the following
6 new section:

7 **“§ 1074d. Pharmaceutical program for certain cov-**
8 **ered beneficiaries**

9 “(a) PROVISION BY MAIL OR PRESCRIPTION CARD.—
10 The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the other
11 administering Secretaries, shall establish a program to
12 provide prescription pharmaceuticals to eligible persons
13 described in subsection (b) by the following methods:

14 “(1) Prescription pharmaceuticals by mail in
15 connection with medical care furnished to such per-
16 sons through facilities of the uniformed services
17 under this chapter.

18 “(2) Prescription pharmaceuticals obtainable
19 through use of a prescription card acceptable at re-
20 tail pharmacies in the communities in which such
21 persons reside.

22 “(b) ELIGIBLE PERSONS.—A person eligible to ob-
23 tain pharmaceuticals under the program established under
24 subsection (a) is any person who would be eligible for med-
25 ical care under a contract for medical care entered into

1 under section 1086 of this title except for operation of
2 subsection (d)(1) of such section.

3 “(c) PHARMACEUTICALS OFFERED; PURCHASE
4 FEES.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with
5 the other administering Secretaries, shall—

6 “(A) determine the pharmaceuticals that may
7 be obtained by eligible persons under the program
8 established under subsection (a); and

9 “(B) establish an appropriate fee, charge, or
10 copayment to be paid by such persons for pharma-
11 ceuticals obtained under the program.

12 “(2) Fees, charges, or copayments required under
13 paragraph (1) may not exceed the fees, charges, or
14 copayments established under subsection (d) of section
15 702 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
16 Year 1993 (Public Law 102–484; 10 U.S.C. 1079 note)
17 for participation in the pharmaceutical demonstration
18 project established under subsection (a) of such section
19 or the retail pharmacy network included in a managed
20 health care program under subsection (b) of such sec-
21 tion.”.

22 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
23 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
24 to section 1074c the following new item:

“1074d. Pharmaceutical program for certain covered beneficiaries.”.

1 (b) OPERATION OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary of De-
2 fense shall ensure that the program to provide pharma-
3 ceuticals required by section 1074d of title 10, United
4 States Code, as added by subsection (a), is in nation-wide
5 operation not later than 180 days after the date of the
6 enactment of this Act.

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