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# H. R. 2442

To require the Secretary of Defense to conduct a demonstration project to provide covered beneficiaries under the military health care system with the option to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 1995

Mr. PASTOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on National Security, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, 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. DEMONSTRATION PROJECT FOR HEALTH CARE**  
2 **ACCESS THROUGH FEDERAL EMPLOYEES**  
3 **HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM.**

4 (a) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT REQUIRED.—The  
5 Secretary of Defense shall conduct a demonstration  
6 project in at least one region of the TRICARE program  
7 to provide covered beneficiaries described in subsection (b)  
8 with the option to receive health care prescribed by section  
9 1077 of title 10, United States Code, through the Federal  
10 Employees Health Benefits program under chapter 89 of  
11 title 5, United States Code, in addition to the other health  
12 care options available to the covered beneficiaries. The  
13 Secretary shall carry out the demonstration project during  
14 the two-year period beginning on the date covered bene-  
15 ficiaries first enroll under the project.

16 (b) PERSONS ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION.—Eligi-  
17 bility to participate in the demonstration project is limited  
18 to covered beneficiaries under chapter 55 of title 10,  
19 United States Code, who—

20 (1) reside in the TRICARE region in which the  
21 demonstration project is conducted, but outside of  
22 the enrollment catchment area used for TRICARE  
23 Prime; or

24 (2) reside in the TRICARE region in which the  
25 demonstration project is conducted and are entitled  
26 to hospital insurance benefits under part A of title

1 XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c  
2 et seq.).

3 (c) SPECIAL RULE FOR MEDICARE PARTICIPANTS.—  
4 The payment limitations contained in paragraph (3) of  
5 section 1086(d) of title 10, United States Code, shall  
6 apply in the case of covered beneficiaries described in sub-  
7 section (b)(2) who participate in the demonstration  
8 project.

9 (d) DEFINITION OF TRICARE.—For purposes of  
10 this section, the term “TRICARE” means the managed  
11 health care program that is established by the Secretary  
12 of Defense under the authority of chapter 55 of title 10,  
13 United States Code, principally section 1097 of such title,  
14 and includes the competitive selection of contractors to fi-  
15 nancially underwrite the delivery of health care services  
16 under the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the  
17 Uniformed Services.

18 (e) REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION PLAN.—Not later  
19 than six months after the date of the enactment of this  
20 Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report to  
21 Congress containing the plan prepared by the Secretary  
22 to implement the demonstration project.

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