

H.R. 2628, Veterans Early Treatment for Chronic Ailment Resurgence through Examinations Act of 2019

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on March 12, 2020

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2020	2020-2025	2020-2030
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	*	12	12
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	Mandate Effects	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2031?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No

* = between zero and \$500,000.

H.R. 2628 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a four-year pilot program at five of its medical facilities to provide dental care to at least 1,500 veterans who have diabetes. CBO expects that VA would select 1,500 participants for the program by the end of fiscal year 2022 and that participants would receive an initial dental examination at the time they enter the program. Using information from VA, CBO estimates that exam would cost an average cost of \$220 per person and that thereafter, annual dental costs would average \$2,700 per participant. As a result, CBO estimates that conducting the pilot program would cost \$12 million over the 2020-2025 period; that spending would be subject to the availability of appropriations (see Table 1).

Table 1.
Estimated Increases in Spending Subject to Appropriation Under H.R. 2628

	By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars						2020-2025
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
Estimated Authorization	*	1	3	4	4	0	12
Estimated Outlays	*	1	3	4	4	0	12

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