

## H.R. 7277, Improving Oversight of Veterans Community Care Providers Act of 2022

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on April 6, 2022

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2027	2022-2032
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2033?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

H.R. 7277 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to implement a plan for improving its ability to identify health care providers that are ineligible to participate in the Veterans Community Care Program. Under the plan, VA would automatically check whether providers are designated as ineligible on other lists managed by the Department of Health and Human Services and by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. VA also would be required to analyze the efficacy of allowing providers to self-certify their eligibility to participate in the program.

In response to a February 2021 report from the Government Accountability Office on community providers, VA updated several data systems to improve the credentialing process and to continuously monitor the eligibility of providers. The department also issued new procedures for additional audits and quality checks in early 2022. Based on this information, CBO expects VA to be satisfying the bill's requirements under current law.

The bill would require VA to provide two reports to the Congress about its implementation of the plan and on recommendations for legislative changes to further improve oversight. Using information about the costs for similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying those requirements would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2022-2027 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.



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