



U.S. SENATOR JON TESTER'S

VA Maintaining Internal Systems & Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act

The VA MISSION Act is a major reform bill that establishes a new community health care system with a streamlined set of rules that places a veteran and their doctor at the center of health care decisions. It strengthens the VA by addressing workforce shortages that prevent veterans from accessing timely care. And it ensures that caregivers who put their careers and lives on hold to care for veterans can get the support they need.

VA Health Care

- Removes barriers for veterans to access mental telehealth care.
- Incentivizes medical residents and providers to work at rural, tribal and underserved VA facilities.
- Provides greater recruitment, retention and relocation incentives so that VA can attract and maintain high-quality providers.
- Increases the amount VA will reimburse medical professionals for education debt reduction.
- Develops criteria to identify underserved medical facilities and incentivize medical professionals to complete their residencies in rural areas.
- Establishes mobile deployment teams to provide additional care at the highest-need VA facilities.
- Recruits medical scribes to assist physicians so that doctors can focus on serving veterans, and not filling out paperwork.

Community Health Care

- Scraps the Choice Program as we know it today
- Establishes one community care program that allows veterans and their doctors to choose where the veterans' health care needs are best addressed.
- Streamlines the process for veterans to access community providers.
- Creates new standards for faster reimbursements to private providers who care for veterans.
- Requires stronger accountability and transparency to ensure government contractors who administer VA's community care are meeting the terms of their contractual requirements.
- Strengthens safety measures and guidelines for private providers to prescribe opioids to veterans.

Caregivers for Veterans

- Expands eligibility for VA caregiver support services to veterans of all eras, and modernizes and strengthens support services.

This legislation is supported by:

38 veteran and military service organizations.