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S. 324

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 7 (legislative day, February 6), 2017

Mr. Hatch (for himself, Ms. Hirono, and Mr. Boozman) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "State Veterans Home
- 5 Adult Day Health Care Improvement Act of 2017".
- 6 SEC. 2. PROVISION OF CERTAIN ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE
- 7 SERVICES FOR VETERANS.
- 8 (a) In General.—Section 1745 of title 38, United
- 9 States Code, is amended—

- 1 (1) by adding at the end the following new sub-
- 2 section:
- 3 "(d)(1) The Secretary shall enter into a contract or
- 4 agreement with each State home for payment by the Sec-
- 5 retary for medical supervision model adult day health care
- 6 provided to a veteran described in subsection (a)(1) on
- 7 whose behalf the State home is not in receipt of payment
- 8 for nursing home care from the Secretary.
- 9 "(2) Payment under each contract or agreement be-
- 10 tween the Secretary and a State home under paragraph
- 11 (1) for each veteran who receives medical supervision
- 12 model adult day health care under such contract or agree-
- 13 ment shall be made at a rate that is equal to 65 percent
- 14 of the payment that the Secretary would make under sub-
- 15 section (a)(2) to the State home for nursing home care
- 16 provided to the veteran.
- 17 "(3) Payment by the Secretary under paragraph (1)
- 18 to a State home for medical supervision model adult day
- 19 health care provided to a veteran described in that para-
- 20 graph constitutes payment in full to the State home for
- 21 such care furnished to that veteran.
- 22 "(4) In this subsection, the term 'medical supervision
- 23 model adult day health care' means adult day health care
- 24 that includes the coordination of physician services, dental
- 25 services, the administration of drugs, and such other re-

- 1 quirements as determined appropriate by the Secretary.";
- 2 and
- 3 (2) in the section heading, by inserting ",
- 4 adult day health care," after "home care".
- 5 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
- 6 at the beginning of chapter 17 of such title is amended
- 7 by striking the item relating to section 1745 and inserting
- 8 the following new item:

"1745. Nursing home care, adult day health care, and medications for veterans with service-connected disabilities.".

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