

117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

S. 399

To prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from charging veterans copayments for preventive services relating to COVID-19.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 23, 2021

Ms. Duckworth (for herself and Ms. Collins) 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 "No Coronavirus
- 5 Copays for Veterans Act".
- 6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON COPAYMENTS AND COST SHARING
- 7 FOR VETERANS RECEIVING PREVENTIVE
- 8 SERVICES RELATING TO COVID-19.
- 9 (a) Prohibition.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
- 10 fairs may not require any copayment or other cost sharing

- 1 under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for
- 2 qualifying coronavirus preventive services. The require-
- 3 ment described in this subsection shall take effect with
- 4 respect to a qualifying coronavirus preventive service on
- 5 the specified date.
- 6 (b) Definitions.—In this section, the terms "quali-
- 7 fying coronavirus preventive service" and "specified date"
- 8 have the meaning given those terms in section 3203 of
- 9 the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136; 42 U.S.C. 300gg-
- 10 13 note).

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