

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHOR REPORT FILED	NOTES
290-36 (COR)	V. Anthony Ada Frank Blas Jr. Christopher M. Dueñas Joe S. San Agustin Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Therese M. Terlaje Telo T. Taitague Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes James C. Moylan Sabina Flores Perez Joanne Brown Clynton E. Ridgell	Relative to expressing the support of <i>I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guāhan</i> for the passage of H.R. 3512, the "Healthcare for Our Troops Act" which would provide access to zero-cost TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage to Reserve Component service members.	3/14/22 10:55 a.m.			3/15/22 3:47 p.m.	Author	4/11/22 2:00 p.m.	4/27/22 8:43 a.m.	



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April 25, 2022

MEMORANDUM

The Honorable Therese M. Terlaje
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Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: **The Honorable Tina Rose Muña Barnes** 
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

SUBJECT: Author's Report on Resolution No. 290-36 (COR)

Håfa Adai! Speaker Terlaje,

Transmitted herewith for consideration by the Body is the report on Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) - "Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the passage of H.R. 3512, the "Healthcare for Our Troops Act" which would provide access to zero-cost TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage to Reserve Component service members", which was heard on Monday, April 11, 2022.

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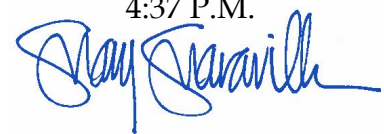
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AUTHOR'S REPORT

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By Senator V. Anthony Ada, Prime Author; Senator Frank Blas Jr.; Senator Christopher M. Dueñas; Senator Joe S. San Agustin; Senator Jose “Pedo” Terlaje; Senator Therese M. Terlaje; Senator Telo T. Taitague; Senator Amanda L. Shelton; Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes; Senator James C. Moylan; Senator Sabina Flores Perez; Senator Joanne Brown; Senator Clynton E. Ridgell



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March 15, 2022

MEMO

To: Rennae Meno
Clerk of the Legislature

Legal Counsel

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: Referral of Resolution No. 290-36 (COR)

Håfa adai,

As per my authority as Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding the referral of **Resolution No. 290-36 (COR)** – V. Anthony Ada, Frank Blas Jr., Christopher M. Dueñas, Joe S. San Agustin, Jose “Pedo” Terlaje, Therese M. Terlaje, Telo T. Taitague, Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muña Barnes, James C. Moylan, Sabina Flores Perez, Joanne M. Brown, Clynton E. Ridgell – “Relative to expressing the support of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the passage of H.R. 3512, the “Healthcare for Our Troops Act” which would provide access to zero-cost TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage to Reserve Component service members.”

Please ensure that the subject resolution is referred to **Senator V. Anthony Ada, Author of Resolution No. 290-36 (COR)**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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First Notice of Public Hearing on Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) - April 11, 2022 at 2:00 pm

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Thu, Mar 31, 2022 at 4:59 PM

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SECOND NOTICE of Public Hearing on Resolution No. 290-36 (COR)

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Thu, Apr 7, 2022 at 11:18 AM

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Public Hearing Agenda

Monday, April 11, 2022 @ 2:00 P.M.

Liheslaturan Guåhan Public Hearing Room

- I. Call to Order at 2:00 pm
- II. Opening Remarks by Senator V. Anthony Ada, Author
- III. Items for discussion –

Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) – “Relative to expressing the support of I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan for the passage of H.R. 3512, the "Healthcare for Our Troops Act" which would provide access to zero-cost TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage to Reserve Component service members.”

- IV. Closing Remarks
- V. Adjournment



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Healthcare for Our Troops Act

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Hafa Adai Senators,

I am writing as a member of the National Guard Association of Guam to express my wholehearted support for the Healthcare for Our Troops Act which would provide zero-cost TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage to Reserve Component service members. As a licensed mental health provider who has served Guam's military and civilian families for over twenty years, including five years serving as Director of Psychological Health for the Guam Army National Guard, I have witnessed first hand the disparity in access to health care between the active duty military and members of the Guard and Reserves.

For some island residents, a few hundred dollars per month to insure a family may not seem like much. However, for many of our service members, this cost is a hardship which takes up almost all of their drill pay or more. The COVID19 pandemic has taken its economic toll on our community, with many businesses closing or reducing the hours of its employees, including members of the Guard and Reserves. As our Citizen Soldiers struggle to get back on their feet and provide the best quality of life possible for their families, it is imperative that we are afforded the same no cost health care as any other service member preparing to answer the call of duty - any time, anywhere.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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AUTHOR'S REPORT

I. OVERVIEW

Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) was introduced on March 14, 2022, by Senator V. Anthony Ada / Frank Blas Jr. / Christopher M. Dueñas / Joe S. San Agustin / Jose "Pedro" Terlaje / Therese M. Terlaje / Telo T. Taitague / Amanda L. Shelton / Tina Rose Muña Barnes / James C. Moylan / Sabina Flores Perez / Joanne Brown / Clynton E. Ridgell, and was subsequently referred by the Committee on Rules to Senator V. Anthony Ada, Author of Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) on March 15, 2022.

Senator V. Anthony Ada convened a public hearing on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 2:00 PM in *I Liheslaturan Guåhan's* Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building. Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) was the only item on the agenda.

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Senators Present:

Senator V. Anthony Ada, Author
Senator Telena C. Nelson
Senator Christopher M. Duenas
Senator Sabina F. Perez
Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje
Senator Telo T. Taitague
Senator Joanne M. Brown

Appearing Before the Committee:

None Present

Written Testimony Submitted:

Rosemarie Camacho

II. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The public hearing on Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) was Called-to-Order at 2:00 PM. Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) was the only item on the agenda.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRMAN: Håfa Adai and good afternoon everyone. Thank you for being here today. Thank you for joining us in this public hearing on Resolution No. 290-36 (COR). The time is 2 o'clock PM and this hearing is now called to order. In accordance with the open government law, public notices of this hearing were sent in the manner and within the prescribed time(s) period required by law the single item agenda for today's hearing is Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) introduced by myself, Senators Frank Blas Jr., Christopher M. Duenas, Joe S. San Agustin, Jose "Pedo" Terlaje, Therese M. Terlaje, Telo T. Taitague, Amanda L. Shelton, Tina Rose Muna Barnes, James C. Moylan, Sabina Flores Perez, Joanne Brown, Clynton E. Ridgell.

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Joining me here today this afternoon are my colleagues Senator Chris Duenas, Senator Telena Nelson, Senator "Pedo" Terlaje, Senator Sabina Flores Perez and Senator Telo Taitague. Thank you all for joining me this afternoon. This afternoon, we don't have anyone signed up to testify publicly on this resolution. I'd like to ask my colleagues if they have any questions or would like to comment on this resolution. Senator Duenas?

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER M. DUENAS: Si yu'os ma'åse' Senator Ada, chairman, for this purpose of this resolution to be heard 290-36. I just want to thank you for your leadership in introducing this. I don't have any questions. I think the resolution is pretty straight forward in supporting H.R. 3512, the Healthcare for Our Troops Act and was reading through the resolution when you first presented it and reading again, it's just it's kind of interesting how the resolution states that even with guardsmen, and you know who are serving, there are times when they themselves not being active status, you know cannot even avail of some of the healthcare benefits available and to see that you know the congress has been very, you know, came forward to ensure that at least during these times and for the purposes of when they're active and other activities are taking place that the health care benefits can extend. I think it's just only the right thing to do. We were at that celebration last week, you know to really honor the guard members for their service particularly during COVID and you know to think those families, when active duty was being pursued and done by the service members, obviously had an opportunity for you know the full benefits of Tricare and Healthcare. So it's the least we can do for our troops and so with that you know Mr. Chairman, I just thank you for allowing me to be a co-sponsor and hopefully we can get this on the floor and quickly get it to Congress so that they can see also all the way out from the shores of Guam that the full support is there for the efforts taking place in Congress so with that, si yu'os ma'åse' Mr. Chairman

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Thank you. Senator Nelson?

SENATOR TELENA NELSON: (Inaudible)

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Sure. I can not a problem thank you. So as a matter of fact, probably what I'll do perhaps would be able to have some time to give folks to come in and those that wanted to want to come in to testify. So, what the issue is, and this was sent to me as well on the zero cost Tricare. So the issue is the national guard and reserve service members continue to face challenges in obtaining healthcare access to meet medical readiness requirements and ensuring continuity of care especially when deploying overseas. Significant numbers of service members without health care directly impacts national guard deployability as no notice deployments have increased to record highs over the last several years and this is the background here. Service members are required to meet medical deployability requirements. An estimated 130,000 guardsmen and reservists do not have health care insurance under the current disjointed system of third party health contractors and periodic health assessments which greatly impact the reserve components medical readiness. Inconsistent health care coverage for members of the reserve components makes meeting these requirements difficult to achieve. The issue will persist despite current efforts to streamlining military duty statute, which may provide more reserve component service members with opportunities to maintain health care coverage through Tricare Reserve Select. This can be fixed by offering service members guaranteed zero cost medical coverage through TRS. H.R. 3512 Healthcare for Our Troops Act ensures service members meet the medical standards required of a deployable force at no cost to them and their families. Additionally, this bill provides coverage for dental care, another common deployability issue experienced by the reserve component. These changes would also provide the Department of Defense with a powerful recruiting and retention tool, as well as a significant employer incentive to retain talented individuals in gainful civilian employment. Under the current law national guard and reserve service members who are federal employees in their civilian capacity are ineligible to enroll in TRS. This creates confusion in coordinating benefits for service members and their families and prevent service members from establishing continuity of care and treatment as they deploy or transition in or out of federal government. H.R. 3512 strikes the language that disallows service members from accessing TRS simply due to working for the federal government in the civilian capacity. So, Resolution 290-36 (COR) supports H.R. 3512 in that it ensures that our local national guard and reserve members would be able to avail themselves of these benefits, should this bill pass in Congress. Thank you.

SENATOR TELENA C. NELSON: Thank you Senator. Thank you for the opportunity to speak on this measure. I stand in support of this measure. It is estimated that 16 percent of guardsmen currently have no health insurance and some of the challenges that we've seen as a national guardsman is that when you perform drill weekends it does not, it is not, equivalent to one day of active duty. The drill weekends are formed where there's multiple days included and counted as multiple days during that weekend time period of two to three days and so really this resolution is also asking for parity with the National Guard Association of the United States, movement behind it. So this is a - this is a great organization that advocates for our national guard members, I'm currently a member myself, in this NGAUS, and this is something that each state of, usually contributes a portion of proceeds to these types of endeavors for equity and parity within the national guard, and so, this is a good measure to remind Congress that the national guardsmen are present, they are called to duty for state and federal affairs, and so, I strongly support this measure and I ask that you make me a co-sponsor. I understand that this was submitted when I was currently on duty myself, so thank you very much.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Thank you Senator Nelson. Thank you for your service to our island and our nation as a member of the national guard and absolutely that we'll ensure that we place you as a co-sponsor to this resolution and I'm sure that you as well as any other member of this legislature would know firsthand the challenges that the national guard reserve face with medical and dental provisions of health care that they face challenges, as members of the guard and reserve. So, thank you for your input and thank you for your willingness to co-sponsor this resolution. Thank you. Senator "Pedo"?

SENATOR JOSE "PEDO" TERLAJE: First off, I just want to before I share my thoughts, let me just thank the sponsor of this bill for having me be one of the co-sponsors, but, I just want to just kind of just reiterate some of the things that is mentioned on this particular resolution. I am a retired military and I know some of the or most of the rules of being active and just being a veteran and I'm and I just want to echo what Senator Telena Nelson had mentioned, because I'm pretty sure that she is also aware of some of the benefits that is afforded to retirees and active military and not afforded to reservists and veterans, and I want to say that for one, I think Tricare does not extend over to veterans. If I'm right, Senator Nelson, right? Tricare is only extended over to retirees and active personnel.

SENATOR TELENA C. NELSON: Yes, Tricare itself. They do have a Tricare Reserve Select for the reservists.

SENATOR JOSE "PEDO" TERLAJE: Yeah, that's my understanding and the thing is, the problem that we have here is, that if you're a veteran, you know like the dentist on base, only active personnel can be afforded services on the dental clinic on base, and I'm pretty sure that the Senator would also agree with me. This particular resolution kind of just extend and invigorate the shortfalls that we have regarding services for the veterans and services for those that actually did not retire from the military, and I want to thank the Sponsor of the bill, Senator Ada for including me as a co-sponsor and if there's anything that I can do, because I do Chair, Senator Ada is my Vice-Chair on the veterans and I am the Chair and I'm fully aware of the benefits extended to active military, a retired active military and reservists, who are not active and just kind of just be a part-time soldier. So, I want to thank you sir very much for including me as a co-sponsor for this bill. Thank you very much sir!

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Thank you Senator "Pedo" Terlaje. Senator Flores (Perez).

SENATOR SABINA F. PEREZ: Si yu'os ma'ase' Senator Ada for allowing me to be a co-sponsor of this important measure. So, I think that you know 16 percent of the guardsmen have no health insurance is a shocking statistic that needs to be closed and I appreciate your leadership in regards to making this a legislative priority to support congressional legislation. I think also to note is that you know with the national defense budget being over 700 billion dollars I think it's time that we prioritize the people behind our national defense, and I think this is a modest request to include zero-cost health care as well as dental coverage for our guardsmen, and again I thank you for this opportunity. Si yu'os ma'ase'.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Thank you Senator Flores (Perez). I'd like to thank Senator Joanne Brown for joining us here this afternoon for this public hearing. Thank you, Senator. Senator Telo Taitague?

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Thank you Mr. Chair and good afternoon to my colleagues. You know there are many Guam residents are members also of the coast guard reserve and some of some have retired and the coast guard is though a component of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and not Department of Defense so and I was hoping Mr. Chair you can maybe answer this, will the coast guard reserve on Guam be eligible for the TRS?

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: It says the members of the national guard and reserve component select reserve components.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Well, I think this line of defense is also very important to our country and they share in the same responsibilities I think in defending our country as well, so I don't know if there's anything in here that we can incorporate including the coast guard reserves as well. You know the Resolution 290 states that there are 2,600 national guard service members it is known that many Guam residents are in the reserve components and in the coast guard as well, so is it known how many Guam residents are in the reserve component? Is it, who are who are not on this TRS, or well of course not on because you have to be retired like Senator "Pedo" mentioned. My father also has that ability to utilize but.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Let me check here real quick. I believe there are approximately 2,679 members of the guard & reserve and that's including the guard, and that's including coast guard & reserve.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: And it is including coast guard?

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Including coast guard/reserve.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Okay so it is. Okay, so that number is reflected, I believe in the in the resolution. So, it should incorporate the coast guard and that's why I'm bringing it up about the coast guard as well.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: On page two of the of H.R. 3512 on section 1076(d) members of selected reserve and this is what it covers, all, a member of the selected reserve of the ready reserve of the reserve component of the united, of the armed forces is eligible for health care benefits under Tricare reserve select as provided in this section. So yeah it should be covered as what we're providing support for on H.R. 3512.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Okay so it says 26 guardsmen and reservists, so like you said earlier, it does incorporate the coast guard reserve as well, okay. So, of that, of the 2,600, how many reserves and national guard members are employed at the government of Guam? Do you happen to know that or?

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: I don't have, how many are employed with Government Guam, but on the coast guard reserve there are 80 members of the coast guard reserve.

SENATOR TELO T. TAIGUE: Okay. So, and another thing I had a question about, is whether the members of the TRS, will the availability of health care and dental service be restricted just to military hospitals and clinics?

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: I believe it's going to be where Tricare is currently accepted, that's where the program expands to the, and that's what we're covering is the program expansion to our local national guards and reserves, who are not qualified currently.

SENATOR TELO T. TAITAGUE: Okay, and we probably don't even know how many of those clinics are here so, okay. Well thank you Mr. Chair for the opportunity I do totally stand in support. I'm hoping that maybe, you know, the Congress would incorporate, also the coast guard as well. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Senator Brown, you have any comments?

SENATOR JOANNE M. BROWN: Thank you Mr. Chairman and I certainly understand the purpose of the resolution and wanting to address these issues. I mean, we want to make sure that we have the readiness of our national guard, certainly in terms of their physical health and welfare. But this is not as uncommon as one would think, I mean you know my dad was retired from the from the navy and even for those that are retired from the service, it, you know the idea that we used to get and what was promised back to reach a certain age, if there are other forms of insurance that can be charged, they do that if you're getting care at naval hospital. You can be on Tricare, but certainly once you reach a certain age and you're on Medicare, then your Medicare gets charged and you end up also having to pay a quarterly amount to Medicare. So, the old days of you know a thousand percent medical coverage perhaps maybe that's the case for active duty, but that changes obviously once you retire. But certainly anything we can do to enhance the opportunity, especially like I said for those that are on active duty, to receive proper health care, because we want them to be prepared for whatever is ahead of them and to be good health, good body and good mind to perform their respective duties. I appreciate the opportunity certainly to co-sponsor this resolution. I hope that Congress gives some serious thought to the importance of addressing health care for our members, because with all the things that they have to work and worry about this certainly shouldn't be one of them. So, with that Senator Ada, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Resolution 290.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Thank you Senator Brown. I appreciate your input in your comments on 290. Senator Duenas, you had an additional comment?

SENATOR CHRISTOPHER DUENAS: Yeah Mr. Chairman, and I know a lot of your research also, just for the record, I believe you'll be entering this in the record, but there is a zero cost Tricare, basically a fact sheet, and I'm sure that we'll append that to the committee report. So, any members, perhaps those who are looking to add other components, you know, you can put it in as an amendment to the resolution maybe as a request. And for those listening, Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to, sometimes we'll have our military faithful listening, and this did come from one of our military faithful, thank you Chief, but they can learn more at www.ngaus.org. One more time www.ngaus.org and that website will give you basically all the information and I'm sure you're already going to do it Mr. Chairman, but we can append this to the record so that folks will understand the complete background of this and I know you referenced it as well. So, si yu'os ma'ase' Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA: Thank you Senator Duenas and to my colleagues whose parents were service members, and you know, thank you for their service to our island and our country, and to my colleagues Senator Nelson and Senator “Pedo”, thank you for your service to our island. As myself, that you know, as a veteran, you know, we try to do what we can to look at these types of legislations that are going through Congress, that don't apply here to Guam, and what is it that we can do to ensure that we close the gaps and ensure that those benefits that are currently being addressed in the United States that we bring them to Guam. The last time we checked when we all raised our hands, Senator “Pedo” and Senator Nelson, we raised our hand to serve our country. We did it without hesitation and we volunteered our time and our lives, and for our country to give back the benefits that are rightfully deserving of veterans and their families, that's what we look forward to bringing here. So, with that, I'd just like to thank my colleagues for being here this afternoon. Thank you for your comments on this and for anyone who would like to submit testimony, please, you may submit testimony to, testimonies will be submitted for the next 10 days and may be emailed to senatorvanthonyada@gmail.com or you may send or hand-deliver it to 204 Hesler Place, Ada Plaza Center, Bldg. B, Suite 202, Hagatna, Guam.

There being no further testimony, Resolution on 290-36 (COR) has been duly heard and it is now 2:22 PM and this hearing is adjourned. Thank you colleagues, thank you everyone, to the public for listening.

NOTE:

Written testimony was received on Monday, April 11, 2022 (10:03 pm) via email from Ms. Rosemarie Camacho, who is in full support of Resolution No. 290-36 (COR).










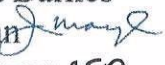



III. FINDINGS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator V. Anthony Ada, author of Resolution No. 290-36 (COR), finds that the provisions of H.R. 3512, the “Healthcare for our Troops Act”, currently before the U.S. House of Representatives, are necessary and proper to address the disparity between active duty service members and members of the Guard and Reserves. The author further finds that Resolution No. 290-36 (COR) expresses I Liheslaturan Guahan’s support of H.R. 3512. Accordingly, the author reports these findings to the body with the recommendation **TO ADOPT**.

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4 defense and emergency response missions, having been activated to respond to
5 wildfires, natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic, civil disturbances, and overseas
6 deployments; and

7 **WHEREAS**, on Guam, there are over 2,600 Guardsmen and Reservists who
8 serve our island and our nation well and faithfully and whose value to our community
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WHEREAS, the National Guard and Reserve must maintain a constant state of individual and unit readiness in order to effectively respond when called upon, especially in today’s dynamic environment where units often must deploy with little or no notice; and

WHEREAS, despite the critical nature of the National Guard and Reserve to our nation, not all members can avail of adequate health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, service members are required to meet medical deployability requirements yet an estimated 130,000 Selected Reservists do not have healthcare under the current system; and

WHEREAS, an important element of individual service member readiness and ability to deploy quickly is medical readiness, yet National Guard and Reserve service members continue to face challenges accessing healthcare to meet medical readiness requirements and continuity of medical and dental care; and

WHEREAS, in May of 2021, Congressman Andy Kim of New Jersey, Congressman Trent Kelly of Mississippi, Congressman Tim Ryan of Ohio, Congressman Steven M. Palazzo of Mississippi, Congresswoman Elise M. Stefanik of New York, Congressman Marc A. Veasey of Texas, and Congressman Scott DesJarlais of Tennessee introduced H. R. 3512 to amend Title 10 of the United States Code to eliminate certain health care charges for members of the Selected Reserve eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select, and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, H. R. 3512 has been referred to the House Armed Services Committee chaired by Congressman Adam Smith of Washington; and

WHEREAS, H. R. 3512 would make TRICARE Reserve Select and dental coverage healthcare available to the over 800,000 Americans serving our nation in the National Guard and Reserve, would expand such coverage to Reserve Component

1 service members, and would expand eligibility to Reserve Component service members
2 currently working for the federal government in their civilian capacity; and

3 **WHEREAS**, H. R. 3512 would eliminate the parity gap for Reserve
4 Component retirees receiving early retirement pay due to deployment credits making
5 them eligible for TRICARE upon receipt of retirement pay; and

6 **WHEREAS**, passage of H.R. 3512 would provide an incentive for employers
7 to hire Guard and Reserve members by lessening demand for employer-sponsored
8 healthcare plans and would also be a recruiting and retention tool for the Reserve
9 Component of the national Guard and Reserve; and

10 **WHEREAS**, H.R. 3512 has received support from many organizations including
11 the Fleet Reserve Association, the Reserve Officers Association of the United States,
12 National Guard Association of the United States, the National Guard Enlisted
13 Association of Guam, and the National Guard Association of Guam; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in testimony before the House Armed Services Committee,
15 Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin stated that he considers the efforts to expand
16 healthcare services to members of the National Guard and Reserve an issue of the
17 “utmost importance”. Now therefore, be it

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Sais Na*
19 *Lihe slaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihe slaturan Guåhan* and the people
20 of Guam, expresses its support for the passage of H.R. 3512 the "Healthcare for Our
21 Troops Act" and respectfully requests that the Congress of the United States pass the
22 measure; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
24 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof, and that copies of the
25 same be thereafter transmitted to the Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President of the
26 United States; to the Honorable Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States; to
27 the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable

1 Adam Smith, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, U.S. House of
2 Representatives; to the Honorable Andy Kim, Member of Congress and author of H.R.
3 3512; to the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, Commonwealth of the
4 Northern Mariana Islands Delegate, U.S. House of Representatives; to the Honorable
5 Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, Guam Delegate, U.S. House of Representatives; and to the
6 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES
OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE ____
DAY OF MARCH 2022.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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H. R. 3512

To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate certain health care charges for members of the Selected Reserve eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 25, 2021

Mr. KIM of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. RYAN, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. VEASEY, and Mr. DESJARLAIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to eliminate certain health care charges for members of the Selected Reserve eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select, and for other purposes.

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 “Healthcare for Our
5 Troops Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE CHARGES**
2 **FOR MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RESERVE.**

3 (a) TRICARE RESERVE SELECT.—Section 1076d of
4 title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
5 lows:

6 **“§ 1076d. TRICARE program: TRICARE Reserve Se-**
7 **lect coverage for members of the Selected**
8 **Reserve**

9 “(a) MEMBERS OF SELECTED RESERVE.—(1) A
10 member of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of
11 a reserve component of the armed forces is eligible for
12 health benefits under TRICARE Reserve Select as pro-
13 vided in this section.

14 “(2) Eligibility for TRICARE Reserve Select cov-
15 erage of a member under this section shall terminate upon
16 the termination of the member’s service in the Selected
17 Reserve.

18 “(b) TRICARE RESERVE SELECT FAMILY COV-
19 ERAGE.—While a member of a reserve component is cov-
20 ered by TRICARE Reserve Select under subsection (a),
21 the members of the immediate family of such member are
22 eligible for TRICARE Reserve Select coverage as depend-
23 ents of the member. If a member of a reserve component
24 dies while in a period of coverage under this section, the
25 eligibility of the members of the immediate family of such
26 member for TRICARE Reserve Select coverage shall con-

1 tinue for six months beyond the date of death of the mem-
2 ber.

3 “(c) NO PREMIUMS FOR INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE.—
4 A member of a reserve component covered by TRICARE
5 Reserve Select individual coverage shall pay no premium
6 for such coverage.

7 “(d) PREMIUMS FOR FAMILY COVERAGE.—(1) A
8 member of a reserve component covered by TRICARE Re-
9 serve Select under this section shall pay a premium for
10 any member of the immediate family of such member cov-
11 ered under TRICARE Reserve Select family coverage.
12 Such premium shall apply instead of any enrollment fees
13 required under section 1075 of this title.

14 “(2) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe for the
15 purposes of this section one premium for TRICARE Re-
16 serve Select family coverage of immediate family members
17 of members of the reserve components, that shall apply
18 uniformly to all such immediate family members.

19 “(3)(A) The monthly amount of the premium in ef-
20 fect for a month for TRICARE Reserve Select family cov-
21 erage under this section shall be the amount equal to 28
22 percent of the total monthly amount determined on an ap-
23 propriate actuarial basis as being reasonable for that cov-
24 erage.

1 “(B) The appropriate actuarial basis for purposes of
2 subparagraph (A) shall be determined, for each calendar
3 year after calendar year 2009, by utilizing the actual cost
4 of providing benefits under this section to members’ de-
5 pendants during the calendar years preceding such cal-
6 endar year.

7 “(4) The premiums for TRICARE Reserve Select
8 family coverage payable by a member of a reserve compo-
9 nent under this subsection may be deducted and withheld
10 from basic pay payable to the member under section 204
11 of title 37 or from compensation payable to the member
12 under section 206 of such title. The Secretary shall pre-
13 scribe the requirements and procedures applicable to the
14 payment of premiums.

15 “(5) Amounts collected as premiums under this sub-
16 section shall be credited to the appropriation available for
17 the Defense Health Program Account under section 1100
18 of this title, shall be merged with sums in such Account
19 that are available for the fiscal year in which collected,
20 and shall be available under subsection (b) of such section
21 for such fiscal year.

22 “(e) COST-SHARING AMOUNTS.—

23 “(1) NETWORK INDIVIDUAL COVERAGE.—Ex-
24 cept as provided in paragraph (2), a beneficiary cov-
25 ered by TRICARE Reserve Select individual cov-

1 erage shall pay no charge for any health care service
2 to which the beneficiary is entitled pursuant to such
3 coverage.

4 “(2) OUT-OF-NETWORK INDIVIDUAL COV-
5 ERAGE.—With respect to out-of-network health care
6 services, a beneficiary covered by TRICARE Reserve
7 Select individual coverage shall be subject to the
8 same out-of-network cost-sharing requirements as
9 those to which beneficiaries described in section
10 1075(c)(1) of this title in the active-duty family
11 member category are subject to for the cor-
12 responding year.

13 “(3) FAMILY COVERAGE.—A beneficiary cov-
14 ered by TRICARE Reserve Select family coverage
15 shall be subject to the same cost-sharing require-
16 ments as those to which beneficiaries described in
17 section 1075(c)(1) of this title in the active-duty
18 family member category are subject to for the cor-
19 responding year.

20 “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense, in
21 consultation with the other administering Secretaries,
22 shall prescribe regulations for the administration of this
23 section.

24 “(g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) The terms ‘active-duty family member cat-
2 egory’, ‘network’, and ‘out-of-network’ have the
3 meanings given such terms in section 1075(h) of
4 this title.

5 “(2) The term ‘immediate family’, with respect
6 to a member of a reserve component, means all of
7 the member’s dependents described in subpara-
8 graphs (A), (D), and (I) of section 1072(2) of this
9 title.

10 “(3) The term ‘TRICARE Reserve Select’
11 means—

12 “(A) medical care at facilities of the uni-
13 formed services to which a dependent described
14 in section 1076(a)(2) of this title is entitled;
15 and

16 “(B) health benefits under the TRICARE
17 Select self-managed, preferred provider network
18 option under section 1075 of this title made
19 available to beneficiaries by reason of this sec-
20 tion and subject to the cost-sharing require-
21 ments set forth in paragraph (e) of this section.

22 “(4) The term ‘TRICARE Reserve Select fam-
23 ily coverage’ means the coverage under TRICARE
24 Reserve Select of any members of the immediate

1 family of a member of the reserve component, as de-
2 scribed in subsection (b).

3 “(5) The term ‘TRICARE Reserve Select indi-
4 vidual coverage’ means the coverage under
5 TRICARE Reserve Select of a member of the re-
6 serve component, as described in subsection (a).”.

7 (b) TRICARE DENTAL FOR SELECTED RESERVE.—
8 Section 1076a of title 10, United States Code, is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (1)—

12 (i) in the header, by striking “selected
13 reserve and”; and

14 (ii) by striking the second sentence;
15 and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

18 “(5) PLAN FOR SELECTED RESERVE.—A dental
19 benefits plan for members of the Selected Reserve of
20 the Ready Reserve.”;

21 (2) in subsection (d)—

22 (A) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
23 paragraph (4); and

24 (B) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
25 following new paragraph:

1 “(3) NO PREMIUM PLANS.—(A) The dental in-
2 surance plan established under subsection (a)(5) is
3 a no premium plan.

4 “(B) Members enrolled in a no premium plan
5 may not be charged a premium for benefits provided
6 under the plan.”;

7 (3) in subsection (e)(2)(A), by striking “a mem-
8 ber of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve
9 or”;

10 (4) by redesignating subsections (f) through (k)
11 as subsections (g) through (l), respectively;

12 (5) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection (f):

14 “(f) COPAYMENTS UNDER NO PREMIUM PLANS.—A
15 member who receives dental care under a no premium plan
16 referred to in subsection (d)(3) shall pay no charge for
17 any care described in subsection (e).”; and

18 (6) in subsection (i), as redesignated by para-
19 graph (4), by striking “subsection (k)(2)” and in-
20 serting “subsection (l)(2)”.

21 (c) IMPROVEMENTS TO COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN RE-
22 TIRES.—

23 (1) ADJUSTMENT OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section
24 1074(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a member or
2 former member entitled to retired pay for non-regular
3 service under chapter 1223 of this title who is under 60
4 years of age unless such member or former member is in
5 receipt of such pay (or would be in receipt of such pay
6 but for section 5304 or 5305 of title 38).”.

7 (2) TRICARE RETIRED RESERVE.—Section
8 1076e(a)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
9 amended by striking “but is not age 60” and insert-
10 ing “but is not age 60 and is not in receipt of such
11 retired pay (or would be in receipt of such pay but
12 for section 5304 or 5305 of title 38)”.

13 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO TRICARE SE-
14 LECT.—Section 1075 of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended—

16 (1) by amending subsection (c)(3) to read as
17 follows:

18 “(3) With respect to beneficiaries in the reserve
19 and young adult category—

20 “(A) for beneficiaries covered by section
21 1076e or 1110b of this title, the cost-sharing
22 requirements shall be calculated pursuant to
23 subsection (d)(1) as if the beneficiary were in
24 the active-duty family member category or the
25 retired category, as applicable, except that the

1 premiums calculated pursuant to section 1076e
2 or 1110b of this title shall apply instead of any
3 enrollment fee required under this section; and

4 “(B) for beneficiaries covered by section
5 1076d of this title, the cost-sharing require-
6 ments shall be calculated pursuant to section
7 (e) of such section.”.

8 (e) **APPLICABILITY.**—This section shall apply with re-
9 spect to the provision of health care under the **TRICARE**
10 program beginning on the date that is one year after the
11 date of the enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 3. FORMS AND STUDY RELATING TO IMPROVED COV-**
13 **ERAGE FOR MEMBERS OF THE SELECTED RE-**
14 **SERVE.**

15 (a) **FORMS.**—Not later than 180 days after the date
16 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall develop forms to be used by civilian health care pro-
18 viders under the purchased care component of the
19 **TRICARE** Program for medical and dental care for mem-
20 bers of the Selected Reserve eligible for **TRICARE** Re-
21 serve Select. Such forms shall include opportunities for the
22 health care provider to indicate, with respect to the mem-
23 ber, the following information:

24 (1) Medical Readiness Classification.

25 (2) Dental Readiness Classification.

1 (3) Fitness for deployment.

2 (4) Any other information the Secretary deter-
3 mines necessary.

4 (b) STUDY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
6 shall conduct a study on—

7 (A) the phasing out of mass medical events
8 and periodic health assessments for members of
9 the Selected Reserve eligible for TRICARE Re-
10 serve Select; and

11 (B) the replacement of such events and
12 processes with the new TRICARE Reserve Se-
13 lect coverage model under section 1076d of title
14 10, United States Code (as amended by section
15 1), and the use of forms by civilian health care
16 providers as specified in subsection (a).

17 (2) FINDINGS.—Not later than 180 days after
18 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
19 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services
20 of the House of Representatives and the Senate a
21 report containing the findings of the study under
22 paragraph (1).

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