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# H. R. 1721

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct reviews of certain budget requests of the President for the medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 13, 2019

Ms. BROWNLEY of California introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Veterans Healthcare  
5 Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT**  
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CARE**  
3 **BUDGET SUBMISSIONS.**

4 Section 4 of the Veterans Health Care Budget Re-  
5 form and Transparency Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-  
6 81; 38 U.S.C. 117 note) is amended to read as follows:

7 **“SEC. 4. COMPTROLLER GENERAL REVIEW OF DEPART-**  
8 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CARE**  
9 **BUDGET SUBMISSION.**

10 **“(a) REVIEW OF BUDGET SUBMISSION; REPORTS.—**  
11 For each of fiscal years 2020, 2021, and 2022, the Comp-  
12 troller General of the United States shall—

13 **“(1) review the budget requests for the medical**  
14 **care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs**  
15 **in the budget request of the President submitted**  
16 **pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United States**  
17 **Code; and**

18 **“(2) submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-**  
19 **fairs, Appropriations, and the Budget of the Senate**  
20 **and the House of Representatives a report or re-**  
21 **ports on the results of each such review.**

22 **“(b) TIMING AND SCOPE OF REPORTS.—In deter-**  
23 **mining the timing and scope for the submittal of the re-**  
24 **port or reports required under subsection (a), the Comp-**  
25 **troller General shall consult with the Committees on Vet-**

1 erans' Affairs of the Senate and the House of Representa-  
2 tives.

3       “(c) MEDICAL CARE ACCOUNTS.—In this section, the  
4 term ‘medical care accounts of the Department of Vet-  
5 erans Affairs’ means the following medical care accounts  
6 of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs account:

8           “(1) Medical Services.

9           “(2) Medical Support and Compliance.

10          “(3) Medical Facilities.

11          “(4) Medical Community Care.”.

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