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### H.R. 840 – Veterans’ Access to Child Care Act

### H. Res. 86 – Providing amounts for the expenses of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress

1. Structured rule for H.R. 840.
2. Provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
3. Waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.
4. Makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-3 and provides that it shall be considered as read.
5. Waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute.
6. Makes in order only those further amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.
7. Waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report.
8. Provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.
9. Provides that House Resolution 86 is hereby adopted.
10. Provides that it shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of February 15, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules and that the Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

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## RESOLUTION

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 840) to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-3. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Sec. 2. House Resolution 86 is hereby adopted.

Sec. 3. It shall be in order at any time through the legislative day of February 15, 2019, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV. The Speaker or her designee shall consult with the Minority Leader or his designee on the designation of any matter for consideration pursuant to this section.

## SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS PROPOSED TO BE MADE IN ORDER

(summaries derived from information provided by sponsors)

<b>Sponsor</b>	<b># Description</b>	<b>Debate Time</b>
<b>1. Brindisi (NY), Kuster (NH)</b>	<b>#14 (REVISED)</b> Clarifies that veterans who receive covered health care services at VA community-based outpatient clinics are eligible for child care assistance.	(10 minutes)
<b>2. Radewagen (AS)</b>	<b>#27 (REVISED)</b> Clarifies that the child care benefit be made available for veterans while they are traveling to or attending VA appointments and not at any other time.	(10 minutes)
<b>3. Rose, Max (NY)</b>	<b>#15 (REVISED)</b> Include substance or drug abuse counseling in the definition of "covered health care services."	(10 minutes)
<b>4. Bergman (MI)</b>	<b>#28 (REVISED)</b> Prohibits VA from constructing new structures to be used as childcare centers.	(10 minutes)
<b>5. Lee, Susie (NV), Lesko (AZ)</b>	<b>#30 (LATE)</b> Specifies that all Vet Centers, not just Vet Centers located within a physical area in which VA has jurisdiction, would also be a place where veterans could be eligible for no-cost child care.	(10 minutes)
<b>6. Barr (KY)</b>	<b>#17</b> Require a study of the effects of child care assistance provided under section 2 of the underlying bill and on compliance with treatment protocols.	(10 minutes)
<b>7. Cisneros (CA), Welch (VT)</b>	<b>#21 (REVISED)</b> Requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a feasibility study to determine how the Department of Veterans Affairs could provide child care assistance for veterans who receive covered health care services from non-Department facilities.	(10 minutes)
<b>8. Cisneros (CA)</b>	<b>#22</b> Include intensive health care services related to physical therapy for a service-connected disability in the definition of "covered health care services."	(10 minutes)

- 9. Davis, Rodney (IL), Panetta (CA)** #12 **(REVISED)** Prevents interpretation by the VA that only one of the two parents could be considered the primary caretaker. (10 minutes)
- 10. Sablan (MP)** #3 **(REVISED)** Clarifies that veterans who receive telemental health services furnished by the Department as opposed to in-person mental health services would be eligible for child care assistance authorized under the bill. (10 minutes)
- 11. Cloud (TX)** #16 Directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct an annual report to Congress on its processing system for child care payments to veterans and private care providers. Moreover, the VA must identify the number of unprocessed child care claims that have been left unresolved in its report. (10 minutes)
- 12. Allred (TX), Sherrill (NJ), Torres, Norma (CA)** #23 **(REVISED)** Require the Secretary to provide public notification on VA.gov to ensure veterans are aware of the expanded, cost-free child care services within this Act, and to perform outreach to inform eligible veterans. (10 minutes)
- 13. Moore (WI)** #2 Require annual reports on participation in this program and biannual reports on any other child care related barriers that remain for veterans seeking care at VA medical facilities. (10 minutes)
- 14. Kuster (NH)** #24 **(REVISED)** Require the Secretary to establish criteria for furnishing child care assistance to eligible veterans that accounts for unusual or excessive access burdens, such as excessive driving distance, geographic challenges, and other environmental factors. It would also correct a technical error to the Rules Committee print. (10 minutes)
- 15. Delgado (NY), Lawrence (MI)** #9 Adds extended day programs to the child care services that can receive stipends. Extended day programs are before and after school programs held at educational institutions for students whose parents have obligations prior to school hours and/or obligations that extend beyond school hours. (10 minutes)

- 16. Delgado (NY), Stefanik (NY), Harder (CA)** #10 Include under definitions in the Health Care Services, Emergency Mental Health Care Services, which provide immediate assistance to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. The goals are to prevent the crisis from worsening, relieve immediate distress, and prevent individuals from harming themselves and/or others. (10 minutes)
- 17. Golden (ME), Kuster (NH)** #25 **(REVISED)** Expands the scope of services under which a veteran would qualify for free child care to include health care services provided as part of readjustment counseling. (10 minutes)
- 18. Golden (ME), Brindisi (NY)** #26 Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit a report to Congress regarding the accessibility and effectiveness of the program for eligible individuals who reside in rural and highly rural areas. (10 minutes)
- 19. Sherrill (NJ)** #4 **(REVISED)** States that child care providers may not provide child care under the bill if they employ an individual who has been convicted of a sex crime, an offense involving a child victim, a violent crime, a drug felony, or other offense the Secretary deems appropriate. It also states that nothing in the amendment would lower more restrictive existing federal, state, or local standards of hiring and screening at child care centers within this Act. (10 minutes)
- 20. Sherrill (NJ), Kuster (NH), Moore (WI)** #6 Amends the bill to specifically include Military Sexual Trauma counseling and care services under section 1720D of title 38 in the definition of 'covered health care services.' (10 minutes)
- 21. Slotkin (MI)** #31 **(LATE)** Provide authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to consult with the Secretary of Defense in implementing the bill. (10 minutes)