

**S. 1319, VA Quality Health Care Accountability and Transparency Act**

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs on July 28, 2021

By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2022	2022-2026	2022-2031
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0
Spending Subject to Appropriation (Outlays)	0	*	not estimated
Statutory pay-as-you-go procedures apply?	No	<b>Mandate Effects</b>	
Increases on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2032?	No	Contains intergovernmental mandate?	No
		Contains private-sector mandate?	No
* = between zero and \$500,000.			

S. 1319 would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to publish and regularly update information about health care staffing, patient wait times, and other information regarding the quality of care it provides on its Access to Care public website. The department would be required to audit the accuracy of that information annually. The published data would be directly accessed from the department's main homepage as well as the homepage of each of its medical facilities.

VA publishes the required information on its websites and performs quality audits on its reporting under the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION) Act. Thus, CBO expects that VA's current practices would satisfy those requirements.

The bill also would require VA to report to the Congress on the results of each audit on an annual basis. Using information about similar reports, CBO estimates that satisfying that requirement would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2022-2026 period. Such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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