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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to develop a strategy for telehealth furnished by the Veterans Health Administration and submit a report on end-user devices distributed by the Secretary to veterans to facilitate such telehealth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2021

Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. ELLZEY, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mrs. RODGERS of Washington) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs Telehealth Strategy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TELEHEALTH STRATEGY OF THE VETERANS**
2 **HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

3 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
4 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
5 submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
6 House of Representatives and the Senate a strategy for
7 telehealth services furnished by the Veterans Health Ad-
8 ministration. Such strategy shall contain the following ele-
9 ments:

10 (1) A projection of demand for such telehealth
11 services for the fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024,
12 including—

13 (A) aggregate demand for telehealth serv-
14 ices;

15 (B) such demand, disaggregated by pri-
16 mary care, relevant specialties, and mental
17 health;

18 (C) such demand, disaggregated by tele-
19 health modality; and

20 (D) demand described in subparagraphs
21 (B) and (C) disaggregated by State.

22 (2) An estimate of the technology needed to
23 support demand described in paragraph (1), includ-
24 ing—

25 (A) quantities of end-user devices, other
26 hardware, software, and services;

1 (B) costs of end-user devices, other hard-
2 ware, software, and services; and

3 (C) quantities and costs described in sub-
4 paragraphs (A) and (B), respectively,
5 disaggregated by—

6 (i) remote patient monitoring and
7 home telehealth prosthetics;

8 (ii) home- and community-based serv-
9 ices;

10 (iii) clinic-based services; and

11 (iv) hospital and emergency services.

12 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON END-USER TELEHEALTH DEVICES FUR-**
13 **NISHED BY THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINIS-**
14 **TRATION.**

15 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
17 submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the
18 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
19 utilization of end-user devices provided to veterans by the
20 Department to facilitate telehealth during fiscal years
21 2020 and 2021. Such report shall contain the following
22 elements:

23 (1) How many of each type of end-user devices,
24 in total and disaggregated by State, the Secretary
25 has provided to veterans.

1 (2) Usage rates of the devices described in
2 paragraph (1).

3 (3) Total cost to purchase and distribute the
4 devices described in paragraph (1).

5 (4) The number of devices described in para-
6 graph (1) returned to the Department.

7 (5) The number of devices described in para-
8 graph (4) subsequently provided to other veterans.

9 **SEC. 4. STATE DEFINED.**

10 In this Act, the term “State” has the meaning given
11 such term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

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