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Title: Inequity Community Care Wait Times

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Subject: Inequity with the Veterans Health Administrations Care in the Community Wait Time Access Standards

 WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019, implementing portions of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act) and

 WHEREAS, under the new Veterans Community Care Program, Veterans can work with their VA health care provider or other VA staff to see if they are eligible to receive community care based on VA’s new Access Standards criteria which includes wait times and

 WHEREAS, veterans are only considered for wait time eligible if the create date and the clinically indicated date the provider wants the Veteran to be seen are outside the 20/28 days and VA has no availability to see the Veteran and

 WHEREAS, 20 days from the date of request for primary care, mental health care and noninstitutional extended care services, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider and

 WHEREAS, 28 days for specialty care from the date of request, unless the Veteran agrees to a later date in consultation with his or her VA health care provider and

 WHEREAS, veterans are not wait-time eligible based on access standard criteria when VA cancels/reschedules including any return to clinic order/follow-up that is greater than 20/28 from the date it is entered and therefore be it

 **RESOLVED, when VA cancels a veteran’s appointment and the next availability to be seen is outside the wait time Access Standard, the veteran becomes eligible for care in the community and be it further**

**RESOLVED, that, if passed, by The Department of Minnesota Convention, this resolution be forwarded to The National American Legion Convention in 2022 for action.**

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