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# H. R. 10129

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program regarding treating pregnancy as a qualifying event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SEWELL (for herself and Mr. KIM of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. PILOT PROGRAM TO TREAT PREGNANCY AS A**  
4                       **QUALIFYING EVENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN**  
5                       **TRICARE SELECT.**

6       (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after  
7       the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
8       Defense shall commence a five-year pilot program under  
9       which the Secretary shall treat pregnancy as a qualifying  
10      event under section 1099(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United

1 States Code, for enrollment in TRICARE Select by an eli-  
2 gible beneficiary.

3 (b) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year  
4 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
5 shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees  
6 a briefing on the status of the pilot program under sub-  
7 section (a).

8 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after  
9 the Secretary commences the pilot program under sub-  
10 section (a), and annually thereafter for the next four  
11 years, the Secretary shall provide to the appropriate con-  
12 gressional committees a report on the pilot program. Each  
13 such report shall include the number of covered enrollment  
14 changes, disaggregated by—

15 (1) month, beginning with January 2026; and

16 (2) whether the eligible beneficiary made such  
17 covered enrollment change—

18 (A) because the eligible beneficiary is a  
19 member of the uniformed services who sepa-  
20 rated from active duty;

21 (B) because the eligible beneficiary is a  
22 member of the uniformed services who returned  
23 to active duty;

1 (C) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-  
2 pendent of a member of the uniformed services  
3 who separated from active duty;

4 (D) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-  
5 pendent of a member of the uniformed services  
6 who returned to active duty; or

7 (E) based on the treatment, under the  
8 pilot program, of pregnancy as a qualifying  
9 event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “covered enrollment change”  
12 means a change to a previous election by an eligible  
13 beneficiary under subsection (b)(1) of section 1099  
14 of title 10, United States Code, to enroll in a health  
15 care plan designated under subsection (c) of such  
16 section.

17 (2) The term “eligible beneficiary” means an  
18 individual who is eligible to enroll in TRICARE Se-  
19 lect under section 1075(b) of title 10, United States  
20 Code.

21 (3) The terms “TRICARE program” and  
22 “TRICARE Select” have the meanings given such  
23 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States  
24 Code.

1           (4) The term “appropriate congressional com-  
2       mittees” means—

3           (A) the Committee on Armed Services of  
4       the House of Representatives;

5           (B) the Committee on Transportation and  
6       Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

7           (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
8       merce of the House of Representatives; and

9           (D) the Committee on Armed Services of  
10      the Senate.

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