

VA Hospital Inventory Management System Authorization Act

This bill establishes an information technology system to better manage medical inventory and improve patient timely access to lifesaving medical devices

Key Legislative Provisions

- Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to implement a pilot program at one VA facility to purchase/create a cloud-based information technology system to manage medical inventory.
- This pilot program will determine whether the chosen system is beneficial for the VA in tracking the supply chains of medical supplies in facilities.
- \$50,000,000 will be appropriated upon passage for the Department of Veterans Affairs to carry out this program.

Background

- Millions of dollars in medical equipment have gone missing from VA facilities across the country in recent years
- The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General found that a VA facility in Colorado did not have appropriate systems in place to protect inventory data, leading to security vulnerabilities
- Nearly \$5 million in devices went missing from VA facilities throughout Florida from 2014-2019.
- In 2017, a facility in Washington, D.C. reported missing supplies, which delayed surgeries
- This bill presents a solution to this serious problem, ensuring our taxpayer dollars are not wasted due to equipment mismanagement



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