



Support from 38 veteran and military advocacy organizations:
“The legislation would consolidate VA’s community care programs and develop integrated networks of VA and community providers to supplement, not supplant VA health care, so that all enrolled veterans have timely access to quality medical care.”

S.2372 The John S. McCain III, Daniel K. Akaka, and Samuel R. Johnson VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran’s Accomplishments in the VA MISSION Act:

Modernizes Community Care Eligibility



Sen. Moran worked to update the Veterans’ Choice Program by eliminating the arbitrary 30-day/40-mile eligibility criteria that limits veterans’ care in the community.

Under the **VA MISSION Act**, the veteran is empowered to make the healthcare decisions that work for them when the VA cannot meet access and quality standards, or when a veteran and their healthcare provider agree that it is in the veteran’s best medical interest to receive care in the community instead of at a VA facility.

Sen. Moran’s efforts on this legislation limit bureaucratic discretion and require that the circumstances determining when a veteran has access to care in their community are based on clearly established, routinely reviewed access and quality standards that will be developed by the VA with congressional oversight.

Reforms VA Oversight to Meet the Intent of Congress



This legislation includes several Sen. Moran provisions to make certain the VA executes the law consistent with the intent of Congress, mandating coordination with Congress as the department develops the regulations that will govern the new Veterans’ Choice program.

Capitalizes on the Opportunity for Significant Reforms

Sen. Moran fought to significantly reform veterans’ healthcare, rather than simply reauthorize the Veterans Choice Program.

Provisions authored by Sen. Moran will transform the VA into a high performing, integrated healthcare network that will be able to serve veterans for years to come.



Supports Rural Hospitals

Sen. Moran worked to allow the special Medicare rate used for critical access hospitals to be upheld under this new program, easing the financial burden rural providers have previously faced under the lower payment rates.

Mandates Strategic Planning and Marketing Assessments

Sen. Moran’s provisions in the **VA MISSION Act** mandate regular market-area assessments to better understand what communities and local VA facilities are able to offer, allowing the VA and Congress to better identify gaps in the VA that require more resources and where needs can be met in the community.

These provisions require the department to submit routine strategic plans to Congress and develop a multi-year budget process to better forecast future needs and requirements.