

Resolution No. 603

**COMPETITIVE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR
VA AND DOD HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the reimbursement private sector health care providers receive from VA's CHAMPVA health care program is less than the reimbursements paid by private health insurance; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement private sector health care providers receive from the Veteran Choice Program is tied by law to Medicare's allowable charges; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursement private sector health care providers receive from TRICARE is tied by law to Medicare's allowable charges; and

WHEREAS, private medical providers have elected not to participate in CHAMPVA, the Veterans Choice Program, and TRICARE networks because of the limited reimbursement rates; and

WHEREAS, 100 percent disabled veterans and retired military personnel rely on VA and DOD health care programs for their health care needs, and limited reimbursement rates prevent veterans and their dependents from accessing medical treatment and care; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, that we support legislation and regulations authorizing reimbursement rates for VA and DOD health care programs and other programs, which provide medical care for retired and disabled veterans to be competitive with private health insurance.

Submitted by Commander-in-Chief
To Committee on VETERANS SERVICE RESOLUTIONS