

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5136, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. TEAGUE OF NEW MEXICO**

At the end of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_. MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING UNDER**  
2 **TRICARE.**

3 (a) TRICARE.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section  
5 1079 of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

6 (A) in paragraph (8)—

7 (i) by striking “, family and child  
8 counselors, or marital counselors (other  
9 than certified marriage and family thera-  
10 pists)” and inserting “and child coun-  
11 selors”; and

12 (ii) by striking “and services of cer-  
13 tified marriage and family therapists may  
14 be provided consistent with such rules as  
15 may be prescribed by the Secretary of De-  
16 fense, including credentialing criteria and a  
17 requirement that the therapists accept pay-  
18 ment under this section as full payment for  
19 all services provided”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
2 paragraph:

3 “(18) Marital and family counseling in accord-  
4 ance with subsection (r).”.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—Such section is further  
6 amended by adding at the end the following new  
7 subsection:

8 “(r) In providing marital and family counseling under  
9 subsection (a)(18), the Secretary shall ensure the fol-  
10 lowing:

11 “(1) Such counseling is provided by—

12 “(A) a certified marriage or family thera-  
13 pist; or

14 “(B) a marital counselor.

15 “(2) Notwithstanding subsection (b), an indi-  
16 vidual covered by this section may not be charged a  
17 copayment for such counseling.

18 “(3) The therapist or counselor accepts pay-  
19 ment under this section as full payment for all serv-  
20 ices provided under this section.

21 “(4) The immediate family of an individual cov-  
22 ered by this section may receive such counseling with  
23 the individual if the therapist or counselor deter-  
24 mines it necessary for the treatment of such indi-  
25 vidual.

1           “(5) Such counseling may be provided regard-  
2           less of whether—

3                   “(A) an individual covered by this section  
4                   receives any other treatment for the specific  
5                   problem for which the individual receives such  
6                   counseling;

7                   “(B) a medical doctor refers the individual  
8                   to a therapist to receive such counseling; or

9                   “(C) such counseling is necessary to treat  
10                  a medical condition.”.

11           (b) DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE.—Paragraph (10)  
12 of section 1072 of title 10, United States Code, is amend-  
13 ed by inserting “and marital and family counseling” be-  
14 fore the period.

