



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0548

Support Health Savings Accounts for Veterans

Dear Colleague:

Please join me in helping to provide veterans with the same healthcare options as other citizens, by co-sponsoring H.R. 5862, the Health Savings Accounts for Veterans Act. I have introduced this legislation to permit veterans who use the VA health care system the freedom to establish Health Savings Accounts (HSA's). This will give veterans expanded options in their choice of health care providers and insurers, while providing them with the tax advantages that are available to everyone else.

Current IRS regulations prohibit a person with medical insurance coverage from making tax-free contributions to an HSA. This requires our veterans to forego a tax benefit simply because they are now using the system the government established to care for their injuries. At the same time, in the private sector, workers' compensation insurance can cover an individual's on-the-job injuries and remain exempt from this IRS rule. Clearly, this unfairly discriminates against veterans.

As you may know, with limited exception, the VA is not a family health care provider. A veteran who uses the VA health care system is prohibited from contributing money to an HSA on behalf of his family for care that the VA will not provide to them. Why would we want to keep veterans from providing health coverage to their families?

Tangible benefits would accrue to our veterans and their families if they were allowed to purchase low premium, high deductible medical insurance and contribute to a savings account of their very own. To deny this to our veterans is discriminatory and creates a gross inequity that is without any reasonable basis or justification.

I hope that you will join me in providing more choice for our veteran's healthcare. For more information or to co-sponsor H.R. 5862, please contact Caitlin Horton at Caitlin.Horton@mail.house.gov or at (202) 225-5611 for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Campbell", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

John Campbell
Member of Congress