

*House Passes Legislation to Create New Health Programs for Women Veterans*

**WASHINGTON, DC** - Yesterday, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) voted to pass the Veterans Healthcare Budget Reform and Transparency Act (HR 1016) and the Women Veterans Healthcare Improvement Act (HR 1211), which will provide quality, comprehensive healthcare for veterans across the country.

"Taking care of our nation's heroes at home is a top priority for me," **Arcuri said**. "There is no better way to show our appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices made by our men and women in uniform and their families than by providing the best possible healthcare for them when they return home."

The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act authorizes Congress to approve investments in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical care one year in

advance. This will allow the VA to plan how to best deliver care to an increasing number of veterans with complex and diverse medical conditions.

The Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act expands and improves VA health care services for the 1.8 million women who have bravely served their country. The bill will ensure that female veterans get the same quality and comprehensive care as their male counterparts by calling for an assessment of women's health care programs and enhancing PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) treatment for women. The bill also provides female veterans with neo-natal care and studies a possible pilot program for child care services through the VA.

The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act and the Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act were voted for by Arcuri and passed the House of Representatives yesterday by a unanimous, bi-partisan vote.

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