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*Support for FAS Veterans.*—Since the passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118–42), VA is no longer restricted from providing services to veterans residing in the Freely Associated States (FAS), including direct care from VA providers; telehealth, and care through contracts with community providers; shipping medications to the FAS; and reimbursing veterans for travel from their home countries to the United States. To determine how VA implements these new authorities, the Committee directs VA within 60 days of enactment of this Act to provide the Committee with the estimated cost and the plan for implementing this law in fiscal year 2025.