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4DMedical Applauds Introduction of the AIR CARE for Veterans Act

The legislation will expedite diagnosis, treatment, and benefits claims for veterans through a new pilot utilizing revolutionary, four-dimensional functional lung imaging

LOS ANGELES, July 15, 2026 -- 4DMedical, a global leader in advanced respiratory and cardiopulmonary imaging, praised the introduction of the *Advanced Imaging for Respiratory Care, Assessment, and Research Excellence for Veterans Act* ([*AIR CARE for Vets Act of 2026, H.R. 9666*](#)) Sponsored by Representatives Juan Ciscomani (R-AZ-06) and Chris Pappas (D-NH-01), the bill directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish a pilot program to identify respiratory disorders and lung disease in veterans using Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved software that provides four-dimensional functional lung imaging.

The bill also authorizes \$5 million annually for five years to support implementation of four-dimensional lung scanning software for the pilot.

In contrast to conventional lung function assessments, which have struggled to identify lung issues related to deployment, four-dimensional lung imaging software enables dynamic imaging of lung function and the adjacent chest structures, facilitating medical professionals in identifying areas of concern more effectively. Implementing this technology within the VA will revolutionize patient treatment, expediting the triage process and diagnosis in pulmonary cases while ensuring a more expedited path to presumptive benefits.

"Our nation's heroes deserve access to quality healthcare, including the most up to date technology to best diagnose service-related conditions. That's what the AIR CARE for Vets Act is all about," **said Rep. Ciscomani**. "Under this bill, veterans suffering from respiratory conditions and lung cancer would receive better quality care at the VA through the use of imaging software equipped to properly evaluate their symptoms. Better imaging software means an improved rate of diagnosis, which would save lives by catching issues like lung cancer sooner. The men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country deserve to know they are receiving the highest level of care possible at all stages, starting with quality evaluation of their symptoms."

"We owe everything to our veterans, and they deserve access to top of the line health care both during and following their service," **said Congressman Pappas**. "Our legislation would establish a pilot program for VA to utilize innovative 4-D lung scanning technology, which improves identification of respiratory disorders and lung disease in veterans. For thousands of veterans living in New Hampshire, exposure to burn pits has significantly increased their chances of developing lung disease and this pilot program will improve the resources and care available to them now and in the years to come."

"Non-invasive four-dimensional lung imaging is already revolutionizing pulmonary treatment and care," **said Andreas Fouras, Chief Executive Officer of 4DMedical**. "Our veterans deserve the utmost care, which includes innovative medical techniques and solutions. The passage of the AIR CARE for Vets Act will enhance diagnostic tools, expediting the path to the high-quality care our veterans need and deserve. Implementing better technology will assist the VA in establishing a standardized screening

program to triage workflows for the diagnosis and treatment of veterans, particularly as PACT Act claims surge. We express our gratitude to the bipartisan support, led by Representatives Ciscomani and Pappas, two members of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, for sponsoring this bill and their unwavering leadership in ensuring veterans receive the priority care they rightfully deserve."

"For over a decade, I fought a different kind of war; in waiting rooms, courtrooms, and the halls of Congress," **said Captain Le Roy Torres, US Army (Ret.) and Co-Founder of Burn Pits 360.** "I wore two uniforms, one for my state and one for my country, and when I came home sick, I was met with doubt and denial. The invisible wounds of war cost me two careers, everything I had dedicated my life to serving. I endured an invasive open lung biopsy searching for answers that revolutionary, four-dimensional functional lung imaging can now provide, identifying respiratory disorders and lung disease with a precision we never had before. These are not minor ailments. They are devastating, progressive, and deadly. Being believed is not a privilege, it is a right. Every Veteran has the right to know what is happening inside their lungs. We fought for the PACT Act and were victorious. Now this legislation ensures that no Veteran will ever have to fight as long or as hard as we did just to be seen and believed."

About 4DMedical

4DMedical is a global medical technology company focused on changing outcomes for people with lung disease by bringing more insights to routine medical imaging. 4DMedical builds software that helps clinicians move beyond "what it looks like" to clearer, quantitative information that can be used alongside the full clinical picture.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the AIR CARE for Veterans Act and why is it important?

The AIR CARE for Veterans Act of 2026 (H.R. 9666) is bipartisan legislation that would establish a Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pilot program using FDA-approved four-dimensional functional lung imaging technology to identify respiratory disorders and lung disease in veterans. The legislation aims to improve diagnosis, treatment pathways, and access to benefits for veterans affected by service-related respiratory conditions.

How would this technology benefit veterans and the VA healthcare system?

The pilot program would provide clinicians with a dynamic, non-invasive view of lung function, helping identify respiratory abnormalities that may not be detected through conventional assessments. The technology has the potential to accelerate diagnosis, improve triage and treatment decisions, and support more timely evaluation of veterans with suspected deployment-related lung disease

What funding does the legislation provide?

The AIR CARE for Veterans Act authorizes \$5 million annually for five years to support implementation of four-dimensional lung imaging software within the VA pilot program. These funds would be used to evaluate how advanced imaging can improve the identification and management of respiratory conditions among veterans.

Why is this legislation particularly relevant now?

Respiratory conditions linked to military service—including exposure to burn pits and other environmental hazards—have become a growing healthcare challenge for veterans. As claims under the PACT Act continue to increase, improved screening and diagnostic tools may help the VA better identify affected veterans and support timely access to appropriate care and benefits.

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