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HUNTINGTON VA CONSTRUCTION FUNDS IN APPROPRIATION BILL PASSED BY SUBCOMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-W.Va.) announced today that an appropriations subcommittee has approved funding that will benefit the Huntington Veterans Medical Center.

The subcommittee measure includes funding for all major Veterans Administration construction projects including the Huntington V.A.M.C. for Fiscal Year 1988.

"The 144,000 veterans served annually by the Huntington V.A.M.C. will greatly benefit from the construction project," Rahall said. "This approval brings the needed expansion project one step closer to reality."

According to the Congressman, the clinical improvement project has been in the planning stages for six years. In addition to correcting gross space deficiencies in Surgery, Medicine, Radiology, Laboratory and Ambulatory care, the plan will increase bed capacity to meet the projected facility needs.

The expansion project is also to include a proposed South Addition, equipment purchases, warehouse space and a parking garage.

"The veterans residing in the Tri-State area depend on the availability of quality care at the Huntington Center," Rahall said. "It serves veterans throughout the area and there is a true and dire need for this expansion project and the services it will provide."

Rahall previously testified before the Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Hospitals and Health Care and the Appropriations Subcommittee on HUD Independent Agencies on behalf of the Huntington Veterans Medical Center.