

# REPORT ON HEALTH CARE IN THE INSULAR AREAS

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Topic: Role of the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs in Addressing Military and Veterans Health Care in the Territories and Freely Associated States; Partnerships for Services to Civilians

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Topic: Improving Standards of Healthcare: Quality Assurance and Improvement Programs, Hospital Sanitation

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