

## HR 1946

Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act of 2005

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Stark, Fortney Pete [D-CA-13]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (32 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		Apr 28, 2005
Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		May 5, 2005
Rep. Johnson, Eddie Bernice [D-TX-30]	D · TX		May 5, 2005
Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-16]	D · CA		May 5, 2005
Rep. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT-At Large]	I · VT		May 5, 2005
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		May 5, 2005
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		May 5, 2005
Rep. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD-8]	D · MD		May 5, 2005
Rep. Waxman, Henry A. [D-CA-30]	D · CA		May 5, 2005
Rep. Herseth, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		May 12, 2005
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		May 12, 2005
Rep. Kucinich, Dennis J. [D-OH-10]	D · OH		May 12, 2005
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		May 12, 2005
Rep. McDermott, Jim [D-WA-7]	D · WA		May 12, 2005
Rep. Sabo, Martin Olav [D-MN-5]	D · MN		May 12, 2005
Rep. Lantos, Tom [D-CA-12]	D · CA		May 26, 2005
Rep. Woolsey, Lynn C. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		May 26, 2005
Rep. Tierney, John F. [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jun 9, 2005
Rep. Brady, Robert A. [D-PA-1]	D · PA		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Nadler, Jerrold [D-NY-8]	D · NY		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Jun 17, 2005
Rep. Price, Tom [R-GA-6]	R · GA		Jun 24, 2005
Del. Christensen, Donna M. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Jun 29, 2005
Rep. Levin, Sander M. [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Jul 19, 2005
Rep. Capps, Lois [D-CA-23]	D · CA		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD-3]	D · MD		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Kennedy, Patrick J. [D-RI-1]	D · RI		Sep 13, 2005
Rep. Leach, James A. [R-IA-2]	R · IA		Dec 6, 2005
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Apr 6, 2006
Rep. Miller, Brad [D-NC-13]	D · NC		Jul 27, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 13, 2005
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	May 9, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 927	Identical bill	<b>Apr 27, 2005:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Apr 27, 2005)

Medicare Mental Health Modernization Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to provide for: (1) elimination of the lifetime limit on inpatient mental health services; (2) parity in treatment for outpatient mental health services; (3) coverage of intensive residential services under Medicare part A (Hospital Insurance) and of intensive outpatient services under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance); (4) exclusion of clinical social worker services from coverage under the Medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system; and (5) coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare.

Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to study and report to Congress on whether the criteria for coverage of any therapy service or any outpatient mental health care service under Medicare unduly restricts the access to such a service of any Medicare beneficiary with Alzheimer's disease or a related mental illness because the coverage criteria requires the Medicare beneficiary to display continuing clinical improvement to continue to receive the service.

## Actions Timeline

- **May 13, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Chairman.
- **May 9, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 27, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Apr 27, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E779)
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