

HR 5324

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2006

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Health

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Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (May 15, 2006)

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Moran, Jerry [R-KS-1]	R · KS		Jul 24, 2006
Rep. Gillmor, Paul E. [R-OH-5]	R · OH		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Schmidt, Jean [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Sep 6, 2006
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		Nov 14, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	May 15, 2006
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	May 9, 2006

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 S 784	Related bill	Apr 14, 2005: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S3657-3658)
109 HR 1447	Related bill	Mar 28, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2006 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, as amended by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, to provide for coverage under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services generally, and particularly such services provided in rural health clinics and in hospice programs.

Amends Medicare part C (Miscellaneous) to exclude such services from the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

Authorizes marriage and family therapists to develop discharge plans for post-hospital services.

Actions Timeline

- **May 15, 2006:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **May 10, 2006:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E764)
- **May 9, 2006:** Introduced in House
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