

S 784

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2005

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Thomas, Craig [R-WY]

Party: Republican • State: WY • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Lincoln, Blanche L. [D-AR]	D · AR		Apr 14, 2005
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Apr 20, 2005
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Apr 20, 2005
Sen. Cochran, Thad [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 28, 2005
Sen. Dorgan, Byron L. [D-ND]	D · ND		Apr 28, 2005
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Apr 28, 2005
Sen. Pryor, Mark L. [D-AR]	D · AR		May 9, 2005
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 10, 2005
Sen. Jeffords, James M. [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 8, 2005
Sen. Dayton, Mark [D-MN]	D · MN		Jun 15, 2005
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jul 13, 2005

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 14, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
109 HR 5324	Related bill	May 15, 2006: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
109 HR 1447	Related bill	Mar 28, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2005 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act 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**

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- **Apr 14, 2005:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 14, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S3657)
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