

HR 1693

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2009

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Rep. Farr, Sam [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 6, 2009
Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	D · IL		Dec 16, 2009
Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-39]	D · CA		Feb 2, 2010
Rep. Garamendi, John [D-CA-10]	D · CA		May 4, 2010
Rep. Hinchey, Maurice D. [D-NY-22]	D · NY		Nov 17, 2010

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 25, 2009
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 24, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 S 671	Related bill	Mar 23, 2009: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 24, 2009)

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2009 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance), particularly those provided in rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHCs), and in hospice programs.

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

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

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to House Energy and Commerce
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Mar 24, 2009:** Referred to House Ways and Means