

## HR 3839

To amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize the reimbursement of mental health counselors under TRICARE, and for other purposes.

**Congress:** 111 (2009–2011, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

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### Committee Activity

| Committee                | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
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## Subjects & Policy Tags

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### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

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*No related bills are listed.*

### Summary (as of Oct 15, 2009)

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Amends the TRICARE program (a Department of Defense [DOD] managed health care program) to authorize the provision of mental health counseling for TRICARE participants. Authorizes the provision of mental health services in DOD clinical trials.

Amends the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 to authorize the Secretary of Defense to enter into personal service contracts with mental health counselors.

Includes mental health counselors within DOD licensure requirements for health-care professionals.

### Actions Timeline

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- **Oct 28, 2009:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **Oct 15, 2009:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 15, 2009:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.