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Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2009

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 23, 2009

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
111 HR 1693	Related bill	Mar 25, 2009: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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

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