

## S 2257

### Excellence in Mental Health Act

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 29, 2012

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Reed, Jack [D-RI]	D · RI		Mar 29, 2012
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		May 23, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 29, 2012

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 HR 5989	Related bill	Jun 22, 2012: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
112 S 2256	Related bill	Mar 29, 2012: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. (text of measure as introduced: CR S2247-2248)

Excellence in Mental Health Act - Amends the Public Health Service Act (PHSA) to set forth criteria for the certification of federally-qualified community behavioral health centers.

Amends title XIX (Medicaid) of the Social Security Act to make such centers eligible for payments for services under Medicaid.

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to award matching grants to states or Indian tribes to expend funds for the construction or modernization of facilities used to provide mental health and substance abuse services to individuals.

Amends the Public Health Service Act to expand the 340B drug discount program (a program limiting the cost of covered outpatient drugs to certain federal grantees) to allow participation by entities providing community mental health services or providing treatment services for substance abuse.

## **Actions Timeline**

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