

## S 604

### Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2011

**Congress:** 112 (2011–2013, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 17, 2011

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Mar 17, 2011)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/112th-congress/senate-bill/604>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]

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

### Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]	R · WY		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Inouye, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Mar 17, 2011
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		Mar 31, 2011
Sen. Conrad, Kent [D-ND]	D · ND		May 18, 2011
Sen. Bingaman, Jeff [D-NM]	D · NM		Aug 1, 2011
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Nov 2, 2011
Sen. Akaka, Daniel K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 29, 2012

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 17, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1680	Related bill	<b>Oct 11, 2011:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Mar 17, 2011)

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Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2011 - 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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- **Mar 17, 2011:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1829-1830)
- **Mar 17, 2011:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

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