

## S 1517

### Behavioral Health Information Technology Act of 2013

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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## Sponsor

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## Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Rockefeller, John D., IV [D-WV]	D · WV		Oct 28, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Oct 29, 2013
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Oct 29, 2013
Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]	D · MD		Nov 14, 2013
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 21, 2013
Sen. Begich, Mark [D-AK]	D · AK		Jan 29, 2014
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Mar 24, 2014
Sen. Klobuchar, Amy [D-MN]	D · MN		May 12, 2014
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jul 10, 2014

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 18, 2013

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 HR 3717	Related bill	Apr 3, 2014: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
113 S 1685	Related bill	Nov 12, 2013: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 HR 2957	Related bill	Aug 2, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Behavioral Health Information Technology Act of 2013 - Amends the Public Health Service Act to include as a health care provider behavioral and mental health professionals, substance abuse professionals, psychiatric hospitals, certain community mental health centers (including one operated by a county behavioral health agency), and residential or outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment facilities.

Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act (SSA), with respect to incentives for meaningful use of certified electronic health records (EHR) technology under the pay schedule for physician's services, to include as additional eligible professionals clinical psychologists providing qualified psychologist services and clinical social workers. Subjects any additional eligible professionals, including those under a MedicareAdvantage (MA) plan, to reductions in incentive payments after a certain date for failure to be a meaningful EHR user.

Amends SSA title XIX (Medicaid) to treat as Medicaid providers the following additional Medicaid providers: (1) public and certain private hospitals that are principally psychiatric hospitals, (2) certain community mental health centers, and (3) certain residential or outpatient mental health or substance abuse treatment facilities.

Makes eligible professionals under the Medicaid program certain clinical psychologists providing qualified psychologist services and certain clinical social workers.

#### **Actions Timeline**

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