

## S 562

### Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2013

**Congress:** 113 (2013–2015, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 14, 2013

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1855-1856)

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1855-1856) (Mar 14, 2013)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/113th-congress/senate-bill/562>

### 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 14, 2013
Sen. Merkley, Jeff [D-OR]	D · OR		Mar 14, 2013
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Apr 9, 2013
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 20, 2013
Sen. Boxer, Barbara [D-CA]	D · CA		May 22, 2013
Sen. Durbin, Richard J. [D-IL]	D · IL		May 22, 2013
Sen. Johnson, Tim [D-SD]	D · SD		Jun 18, 2013
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Jun 18, 2013
Sen. Schumer, Charles E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Jul 31, 2013
Sen. Franken, Al [D-MN]	D · MN		Nov 6, 2013
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 24, 2014

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Mar 14, 2013

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
113 S 2359	Related bill	May 20, 2014: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
113 HR 3662	Related bill	Dec 6, 2013: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2013 - Amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to cover 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, and in hospice programs.

Amends Medicare part E (Miscellaneous) to exclude such services from the skilled nursing facility 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 14, 2013:** Introduced in Senate
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S1855)
- **Mar 14, 2013:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (text of measure as introduced: CR S1855-1856)