

HR 1761

Occupational Therapy in Mental Health Act of 2015

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Sponsor

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Rep. Cartwright, Matt [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Sep 29, 2015
Rep. Ryan, Tim [D-OH-13]	D · OH		Oct 6, 2015
Rep. Rice, Kathleen M. [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Oct 21, 2015
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Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Dec 9, 2015
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Rep. Fattah, Chaka [D-PA-2]	D · PA		Jan 12, 2016
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Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Apr 12, 2016
Rep. Loebsack, David [D-IA-2]	D · IA		Apr 27, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 17, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 13, 2015)

Occupational Therapy in Mental Health Act of 2015

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act to include occupational therapists as behavioral and mental health professionals for purposes of the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), thereby making occupational therapists eligible for the NHSC fellowship program for the delivery of primary health services in health professional shortage areas, the NHSC Scholarship Program, and the NHSC Loan Repayment Program.

This amendment applies only in fiscal years when funding for NHSC programs is greater than FY2015 funding.

Actions Timeline

- **Apr 17, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 13, 2015:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.