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Medicare Mental Health Access Act

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Sponsor

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Cosponsors (6 total)

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Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 25, 2016
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Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		May 23, 2016
Sen. Heinrich, Martin [D-NM]	D · NM		Jun 23, 2016
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 25, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 4277	Identical bill	Feb 5, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

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This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to expand the definition of "physician," for purposes of the Medicare program, to include a clinical psychologist with respect to the furnishing of qualified psychologist services.

The bill excludes a clinical psychologist, in 2017 and 2018, from certain negative payment adjustments for failing to be a meaningful electronic health records user.

Actions Timeline

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