

## HR 2759

### Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2015

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Jun 23, 2015)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 19, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 23, 2015

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 3435	Related bill	Sep 28, 2016: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
114 HR 5475	Related bill	Sep 19, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
114 S 1830	Related bill	Jul 22, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Jun 12, 2015)

### Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2015

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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- **Jun 23, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 19, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 12, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Jun 12, 2015:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.