

## HR 3712

### Improving Access to Mental Health Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Oct 9, 2015)

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Bordallo, Madeleine Z. [D-GU-At Large]	D · GU		Oct 8, 2015
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-5]	D · FL		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Honda, Michael M. [D-CA-17]	D · CA		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	D · NJ		Oct 8, 2015
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 16, 2015
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2015
Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Oct 16, 2015
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Oct 20, 2015
Rep. Ashford, Brad [D-NE-2]	D · NE		Dec 9, 2015
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Dec 9, 2015
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 14, 2016
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Apr 11, 2016
Rep. Capuano, Michael E. [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Sep 6, 2016

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 9, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 8, 2015

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2173	Related bill	Oct 8, 2015: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Oct 8, 2015)

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This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) increase the Medicare reimbursement rate for clinical social worker services, (2) exclude clinical social worker services from the prospective payment system in which predetermined amounts form the basis for payment under Medicare, and (3) alter the definition of “clinical social worker services” as it relates to Medicare.

Under current law, “clinical social worker services”: (1) include services performed for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illnesses, and (2) exclude services furnished to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility as a condition of the facility's participation in the Medicare program. The bill repeals these provisions and instead specifies that such services include certain types of health behavior assessment and intervention.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 9, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 8, 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.
- **Oct 8, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.