

## HR 4277

Medicare Mental Health Access Act

**Congress:** 114 (2015–2017, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Feb 5, 2016)

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 18, 2015
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Feb 5, 2016

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 S 2597	Identical bill	<b>Feb 25, 2016:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Dec 16, 2015)

### Medicare Mental Health Access Act

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

- **Feb 5, 2016:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 18, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Dec 16, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 16, 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.