

## HR 1290

### Improving Access to Mental Health Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 1, 2017

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 17, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]

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

## Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Mar 1, 2017
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 1, 2017
Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	D · MN		Mar 1, 2017
Rep. Serrano, Jose E. [D-NY-15]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2017
Del. Plaskett, Stacey E. [D-VI-At Large]	D · VI		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Conyers, John, Jr. [D-MI-13]	D · MI		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Shea-Porter, Carol [D-NH-1]	D · NH		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	D · FL		Mar 21, 2017
Rep. Tsongas, Niki [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Apr 25, 2017
Rep. Nolan, Richard M. [D-MN-8]	D · MN		May 4, 2017
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Oct 16, 2017
Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	D · VA		Feb 8, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 17, 2017
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 13, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2613	Related bill	Mar 22, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Mar 1, 2017)

### Improving Access to Mental Health Act

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

- Mar 17, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Mar 13, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- Mar 1, 2017: Introduced in House
- Mar 1, 2017: 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.