

## S 1879

### Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2017

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Health

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance. (Sep 27, 2017)

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## Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Barrasso, John [R-WY]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** WY • **Chamber:** Senate

## Cosponsors (15 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		Sep 27, 2017
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Nov 1, 2017
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Nov 1, 2017
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Nov 1, 2017
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Nov 30, 2017
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Nov 30, 2017
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Dec 6, 2017
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 6, 2017
Sen. Collins, Susan M. [R-ME]	R · ME		Feb 27, 2018
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Apr 25, 2018
Sen. Jones, Doug [D-AL]	D · AL		May 17, 2018
Sen. Van Hollen, Chris [D-MD]	D · MD		Jul 16, 2018
Sen. Smith, Tina [D-MN]	D · MN		Sep 18, 2018
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Nov 14, 2018
Sen. Harris, Kamala D. [D-CA]	D · CA		Dec 4, 2018

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Finance Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 27, 2017

## Subjects & Policy Tags

**Policy Area:**

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 5531	Related bill	May 22, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations.
115 HR 3032	Related bill	Jul 5, 2017: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

## Summary (as of Sep 27, 2017)

### Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act of 2017

This bill amends title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to: (1) cover marriage and family therapist services and mental health counselor services under Medicare, (2) exclude such services from the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system, and (3) authorize marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors to develop discharge plans for post-hospital services.

## Actions Timeline

- Sep 27, 2017: Introduced in Senate
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