

## HR 4778

### Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act of 2018

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Jan 11, 2018

**Current Status:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions. (Apr 5, 2018)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/4778>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Kennedy, Joseph P., III [D-MA-4]

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

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	D · MI		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Engel, Eliot L. [D-NY-16]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Lujan, Ben Ray [D-NM-3]	D · NM		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	D · CA		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	D · IL		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	D · IL		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jan 11, 2018
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		Jan 16, 2018
Rep. Esty, Elizabeth H. [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Jun 21, 2018

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred to	Apr 5, 2018
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 12, 2018
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 30, 2018

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 2301	Identical bill	<b>Jan 11, 2018:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

## **Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act of 2018**

This bill amends the Public Health Service Act, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), and the Internal Revenue Code to require the Departments of Health and Human Services (HHS), Labor, and the Treasury to:

(1) cooperatively issue regulations to require group health plans and health insurance issuers to annually disclose the analyses performed to ensure compliance with mental health parity laws, and (2) conduct annual random audits of group health plans and health insurance issuers to determine compliance.

HHS must establish a consumer parity unit: (1) to facilitate the collection of, monitoring of, and response to consumer complaints; and (2) to provide consumers information about the disclosure requirements and enforcement of the mental health parity laws.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Apr 5, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions.
- **Jan 30, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 12, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 11, 2018:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, and 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.