

## HR 1533

### 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. (Mar 6, 2019)

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Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Sep 24, 2019
Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		Oct 29, 2019
Rep. Larson, John B. [D-CT-1]	D · CT		Nov 8, 2019
Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	D · TX		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Feb 7, 2020
Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	D · NY		Jun 25, 2020

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 6, 2019
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 5, 2019

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 782	Related bill	Mar 13, 2019: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Improving Access to Mental Health Act

This bill increases the Medicare reimbursement rate for clinical social worker services. The bill excludes clinical social worker services from the prospective payment system in which predetermined amounts form the basis for payment under Medicare.

Additionally, the bill alters the definition of *clinical social worker services* as it relates to Medicare. Under current law, such 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

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- **Mar 6, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 5, 2019:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 5, 2019:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 5, 2019:** 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.