

## HR 1475

Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

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

**Cosponsors** (62 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]	D · DC		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Davis, Danny K. [D-IL-7]	D · IL		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Dean, Madeleine [D-PA-4]	D · PA		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Evans, Dwight [D-PA-3]	D · PA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-3]	D · AZ		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Hastings, Alcee L. [D-FL-20]	D · FL		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Lawrence, Brenda L. [D-MI-14]	D · MI		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	D · WI		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	D · MA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Scanlon, Mary Gay [D-PA-5]	D · PA		Mar 1, 2021

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Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	D · MS		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Vargas, Juan [D-CA-51]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2021
Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Mar 1, 2021
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Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Mar 8, 2021
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Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	D · NY		Mar 18, 2021
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 26, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		May 4, 2021
Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	D · GA		May 11, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 2, 2021
Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 13, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4917	Related bill	<b>Sep 22, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 S 4486	Related bill	<b>Jun 23, 2022:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 1795	Related bill	<b>May 24, 2021:</b> Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
117 HRES 380	Related bill	<b>May 12, 2021:</b> Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

## Pursuing Equity in Mental Health Act

This bill establishes and expands programs to address racial and ethnic disparities in mental health.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must award grants to establish interprofessional behavioral health care teams in areas with a high proportion of racial and ethnic minority groups. In addition, HHS may award grants to incorporate best practices and competencies to address mental health disparities in curricula for training social workers, psychologists, and other behavioral health professionals.

HHS must also promote behavioral and mental health and reduce stigma associated with mental health conditions and substance use disorder through outreach to racial and ethnic minority groups. HHS must consult with appropriate advocacy groups and behavioral health organizations to develop a strategy for this outreach.

The bill also (1) reauthorizes the minority fellowship program to support the education of mental health professionals who provide services to racial and ethnic minorities, and (2) requires studies on mental health disparities and the effects of social media use on adolescents.

## Actions Timeline

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- **May 13, 2021:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
- **May 12, 2021:** Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 380, proceedings on H.R. 1475 are considered vacated.
- **May 12, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: Pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 380, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 297; H.R. 433; H.R. 478; H.R. 586; H.R. 721, as amended; H.R. 768; H.R. 810; H.R. 1205; H.R. 1260, as amended; H.R. 1324; H.R. 1448, as amended; H.R. 1475, as amended; H.R. 1480, as amended; H.R. 2862, as amended; H.R. 2955; and H.R. 2981.(consideration: CR H2235-2246; text: CR H2240-2241)
- **May 12, 2021:** Pursuant to section 6 of H. Res. 380, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, the following bills passed under suspension of the rules: H.R. 297; H.R. 433; H.R. 478; H.R. 586; H.R. 721, as amended; H.R. 768; H.R. 810; H.R. 1205; H.R. 1260, as amended; H.R. 1324; H.R. 1448, as amended; H.R. 1475, as amended; H.R. 1480, as amended; H.R. 2862, as amended; H.R. 2955; and H.R. 2981. (consideration: CR H2235-2246; text: CR H2240-2241)
- **May 11, 2021:** Mr. Pallone moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **May 11, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2161-2163; text: CR H2161-2162)
- **May 11, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1475.
- **May 11, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Mar 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 1, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.