

## HR 2035

### Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

**Introduced:** Mar 18, 2021

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

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health. (Mar 19, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/2035>

## Sponsor

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

## Cosponsors (54 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	D · CA		Mar 23, 2021
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Rep. Case, Ed [D-HI-1]	D · HI		May 11, 2021
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Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	D · CA		May 17, 2021
Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	D · IN		May 28, 2021
Rep. Garcia, Jesus G. "Chuy" [D-IL-4]	D · IL		May 28, 2021
Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	D · NC		May 28, 2021
Rep. Underwood, Lauren [D-IL-14]	D · IL		May 28, 2021
Rep. DeSaulnier, Mark [D-CA-11]	D · CA		Jun 8, 2021
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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 8, 2021
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Rep. Price, David E. [D-NC-4]	D · NC		Jul 20, 2021
Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	D · CA		Jul 26, 2021
Rep. Yarmuth, John A. [D-KY-3]	D · KY		Aug 6, 2021
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	D · NJ		Sep 3, 2021

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Sep 3, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Oct 12, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Strickland, Marilyn [D-WA-10]	D · WA		Oct 19, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Oct 28, 2021
Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	D · NJ		Nov 3, 2021
Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	D · CA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	D · NC		Jan 14, 2022
Rep. Hayes, Jahana [D-CT-5]	D · CT		Feb 3, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-32]	D · CA		Feb 22, 2022
Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	D · CA		Apr 26, 2022

## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 19, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 18, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Health

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 4486	Related bill	Jun 23, 2022: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
117 S 870	Identical bill	Mar 18, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

## Summary (as of Mar 18, 2021)

### Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2021

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 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 18, 2021:** 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.
- **Mar 18, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.