

HR 5611

Behavioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** DE • **Chamber:** Senate

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Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	D · WA		Dec 7, 2021
Rep. Clarke, Yvette D. [D-NY-9]	D · NY		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Roybal-Allard, Lucille [D-CA-40]	D · CA		Dec 14, 2021
Rep. Barragan, Nanette Diaz [D-CA-44]	D · CA		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		Dec 23, 2021
Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jan 28, 2022
Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	D · MD		Feb 18, 2022
Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	D · OR		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Lieu, Ted [D-CA-33]	D · CA		Mar 1, 2022
Rep. Schrier, Kim [D-WA-8]	D · WA		Mar 7, 2022
Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	D · FL		Apr 27, 2022
Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Jun 8, 2022
Rep. Harder, Josh [D-CA-10]	D · CA		Jun 23, 2022
Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Jul 26, 2022
Rep. Pocan, Mark [D-WI-2]	D · WI		Jul 26, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 19, 2021
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 20, 2021
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Oct 19, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Nov 2, 2021
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Oct 19, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 1902	Identical bill	May 27, 2021: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

Summary (as of Oct 19, 2021)

Behavioral Health Crisis Services Expansion Act

This bill establishes requirements, expands health insurance coverage, and directs other activities to support the provision of behavioral health crisis services along a continuum of care.

Specifically, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) must establish standards for a behavioral health crisis continuum of care that health care providers and communities may use in responding to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis. This continuum of care must include 24-7 crisis hotlines, emergency treatment, stabilization services, and other specified components.

In addition, the bill expands health insurance coverage for behavioral health crisis services. It also expands the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant to assist states and territories with developing the infrastructure to provide crisis response services.

Furthermore, HHS, in consultation with the Department of Justice, must convene an expert panel to make recommendations concerning training for emergency services dispatchers and crisis call center personnel to respond appropriately to individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

Actions Timeline

- **Nov 2, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 20, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Oversight and Reform, 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.
- **Oct 19, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.