

HR 1638

Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2023

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Rep. Budzinski, Nikki [D-IL-13]	D · IL		Jul 24, 2024

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Rep. Hoyle, Val T. [D-OR-4]	D · OR		Aug 30, 2024
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Rep. Schiff, Adam B. [D-CA-28]	D · CA		Sep 20, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Mar 24, 2023
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 17, 2024

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 838	Identical bill	Mar 16, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Summary (as of Mar 17, 2023)

Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2023

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

- **Dec 17, 2024:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 24, 2023:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Mar 17, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 17, 2023:** 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.