

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 159

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the restriction that a clinical psychologist or clinical social worker provide services in a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility to a patient only under the care of a physician, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the restriction that a clinical psychologist or clinical social worker provide services in a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility to a patient only under the care of a physician, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION THAT A CLINICAL**
 2 **PSYCHOLOGIST OR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK-**
 3 **ER PROVIDE SERVICES IN A COMPREHEN-**
 4 **SIVE OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION FACIL-**
 5 **ITY TO A PATIENT ONLY UNDER THE CARE**
 6 **OF A PHYSICIAN.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(cc)(2)(E) of the So-
 8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(cc)(2)(E)) is amended
 9 by inserting before the semicolon “(except with respect to
 10 services provided by a clinical psychologist or a clinical so-
 11 cial worker)”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 13 subsection (a) shall become effective with respect to serv-
 14 ices provided on or after January 1, 1998.

○