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# S. 62

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 7, 2003

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

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## A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Autonomy for Psy-  
5 chologists and Social Workers Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION THAT A CLINICAL PSY-**  
2 **CHOLOGIST OR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER**  
3 **PROVIDE SERVICES IN A COMPREHENSIVE**  
4 **OUTPATIENT REHABILITATION FACILITY TO**  
5 **A PATIENT ONLY UNDER THE CARE OF A**  
6 **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 striking “physician” and inserting “physician, except  
10 that a patient receiving qualified psychologist services (as  
11 defined in subsection (ii)) may be under the care of a clin-  
12 ical psychologist with respect to such services to the extent  
13 permitted under State law and except that a patient re-  
14 ceiving clinical social worker services (as defined in sub-  
15 section (hh)(2)) may be under the care of a clinical social  
16 worker with respect to such services to the extent per-  
17 mitted under State law”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
19 subsection (a) shall apply to services provided on or after  
20 January 1, 2004.

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