

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1358

To amend title 10, United States Code, relating to payment of mental health counselors under TRICARE.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “TRICARE Mental  
5       Health Services Enhancement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. REIMBURSEMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH COUN-**  
7       **SELORS UNDER TRICARE.**

8       (a) REIMBURSEMENT UNDER TRICARE.—Section  
9       1079(a)(8) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “or licensed or certified mental  
 2 health counselors” after “certified marriage and  
 3 family therapists” both places it appears; and

4 (2) by inserting “or licensed or certified mental  
 5 health counselors” after “that the therapists.”

6 (b) **AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH**  
 7 **SERVICES IN CLINICAL TRIALS.**—Section 1079(a)(13) of  
 8 such title is amended by inserting “, licensed or certified  
 9 mental health counselor,” after “certified marriage and  
 10 family therapist”.

11 **SEC. 3. SERVICES OF MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS.**

12 (a) **AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO PERSONAL SERV-**  
 13 **ICES CONTRACTS.**—Section 704(c)(2) of the National De-  
 14 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1995 (Public Law  
 15 103–337; 108 Stat. 2799; 10 U.S.C. 1091 note) is amend-  
 16 ed by inserting “mental health counselors,” after “psy-  
 17 chologists,”.

18 (b) **APPLICABILITY OF LICENSURE REQUIREMENT**  
 19 **FOR HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS.**—Section 1094  
 20 (e)(2) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by in-  
 21 serting “mental health counselor,” after “psychologist,”.

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