

111TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6147

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for treatment of clinical psychologists as physicians for purposes of furnishing clinical psychologist services under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York) introduced the following bill; which was 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS AS**  
2 **PHYSICIANS FOR PURPOSES OF FURNISHING**  
3 **CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section  
5 1861(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(r))  
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking “or” before “(5)”; and  
8 (2) by inserting before the period the following:  
9 “, or (6) a clinical psychologist, but only with re-  
10 spect to the furnishing of qualified psychologist serv-  
11 ices described in subsection (ii) for which the psy-  
12 chologist is legally authorized to perform by the  
13 State and who is acting within the scope of the psy-  
14 chologist’s license (or other authorization under  
15 State law)”.  
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17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished  
on or after January 1, 2011.

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