

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 159

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## 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

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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,*

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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.

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