

**Comparison of provisions related to serious mental illness in adults in the
 Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act (HR 3717) and the
 Strengthening Mental Illness in our Communities Act (HR 4574)
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	Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act (HR-3717)	Strengthening Mental Health in Our Communities (HR-4574)
Co-sponsors	62 Republican 34 Democrat	66 Democrat 0 Republican
Starts to address hospital bed shortage that prevents seriously ill from getting care when needed	Yes	No
Provides funds for Assisted Outpatient Treatment Pilot Programs (last off ramp before jail).	Yes	No
Gives states incentive to implement need for treatment/grave disability standards so mentally ill loved ones can be treated before becoming danger to self or others.	Yes	No
Writes exceptions into HIPAA/FERPA so parents can get information about diagnosis, what prescriptions need filling, and pending appointments of their loved ones to help them	Yes	No
Funds NIMH research into reducing violence by untreated seriously mentally ill	Yes	No
Requires government to prioritize the most seriously ill rather than least ill	Yes	No
Inhibits SAMHSA from giving grants to non-evidenced based programs and funding anti-treatment advocacy (ex. eliminating hospitals, banning ECT, opposing AOT...)	Yes	No
Inhibits PAIMII from overruling parents involved in care of loved ones	Yes	No
Focuses on medical model of treatment	Yes	No
Gives law enforcement and people with a medical background an important role on advisory boards	Yes	No
Cuts funding of programs that are not working	Yes	No
Eliminate the 190 day lifetime limit On inpatient psychiatric hospital care under Medicare	No	Yes
Reauthorizes Garrett Lee Suicide Programs	Yes	Yes
Support for Mental Health Courts	Yes	Yes
Train police to handle mental illness calls better	Yes	Yes
Protects Classes of medicines	Yes	Yes
Increases data collected by DOJ on mental illness	Yes	Yes

**ASK YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COSPONSOR HR 3717:
 THE HELPING FAMILIES IN MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS ACT**