

Community Mental Health Services Improvement Act

Dr. Druss referenced legislation going through the U.S. Congress that pertains to the incorporation of primary care services into community mental health centers.

Senate version of the bill (S.R. 2182):

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:s2182:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:s2182)

House version of the bill (H.R. 5176):

[http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:HR05176:](http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:HR05176)

The National Council of Community Behavioral Healthcare's summary information about the bills:

http://www.thenationalcouncil.org/cs/community_mental_health_services

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors

http://www.nasmhpd.org/general_files/publications/med_directors_pubs/Technical%20Report%20on%20Morbidity%20and%20Mortality%20-%20Final%2011-06.pdf

Dr. Druss referenced this 2006 NASMHPD report, which provides compelling data on early mortality in people with severe mental illnesses.