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Sent: Thursday, October 02, 2008 8:45 PM
Subject: BCD Action Alert - Supporting final Mental Health parity vote



Action Alert

October 2, 2008

To: BCD Clinical Social Workers and Center members

Fr: Howard Snooks, Ph.D., BCD, President

Re: Supporting final Mental Health parity vote

Targets: All U.S. Representatives.

Action: Constituents should call their U.S. Representative by using the toll-free Parity Hotline: **1-866-parity4** (1-866-727-4894). (Parity Hotline reaches the U.S. Capitol switchboard, which can connect callers to the offices of their members.)

Message: "I'm calling to ask that the Representative vote for the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act that includes needed mental health and addiction parity legislation."

Outlook: Senate and House negotiators **moved the Mental Health Parity bill into** an omnibus bill that will be debated on the House Floor this evening or early afternoon on Friday, Oct. 3. Parity advocates should urge a YES vote. The bill, titled the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act, combines a revised Wall Street/Main Street rescue bill with the tax extender/disaster relief/Alternative Minimum Tax patch/and parity bill that was passed by the Senate on Sept. 23.

The Senate passed mental health and addiction parity, 74-25, as part of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act.

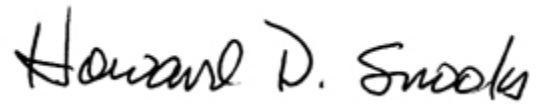
Background: House passage is less certain—your voice needs to be heard! Negotiators have revised the "rescue bill" to get No voters to switch to Yes.

Text of Emergency Economic Stabilization Act: Parity is on pages 310 to 344.
<http://thehill.com/images/stories/graystrip/senatebailoutbill10-01-2008-1.pdf>

News: http://www.rollcall.com/issues/54_43/news/29003-1.html

Resources: Fact sheets, analyses of the parity legislation and past letters to Congress are posted at www.mhlg.org/page18.html

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard D. Snooks". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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