

NASW/CT Script for contacting Senators on
Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2015

(This phone script can be easily modified into an email message by starting at
“I am a social worker....”)

“Hello, my name is _____, and I am a social worker and member of the National Association of Social Workers, CT Chapter. I’m calling to urge Senator _____ to co-sponsor the *Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2015*. This bill will help to give the clinical social work practice more credibility and equal recognition. Currently, clinical social workers are not getting the same benefits, under Medicare, as other healthcare providers. This bill will increase the Medicare reimbursement for CSW services from 75% to 85%, which is what non-physicians are currently reimbursed. Additionally, this bill will eliminate restrictions on the delivery of clinical social work services in skilled nursing facilities and allow clinical social workers to perform full range of services under their state’s scope of practice.

Please urge Senator _____ to cosponsor the *Improving Access to Mental Health Act of 2015* (Senate Bill 2173). It’s time to change how clinical social workers are treated under Medicare.”

****If you have a personal experience related to this issue, please feel free to include it.*