

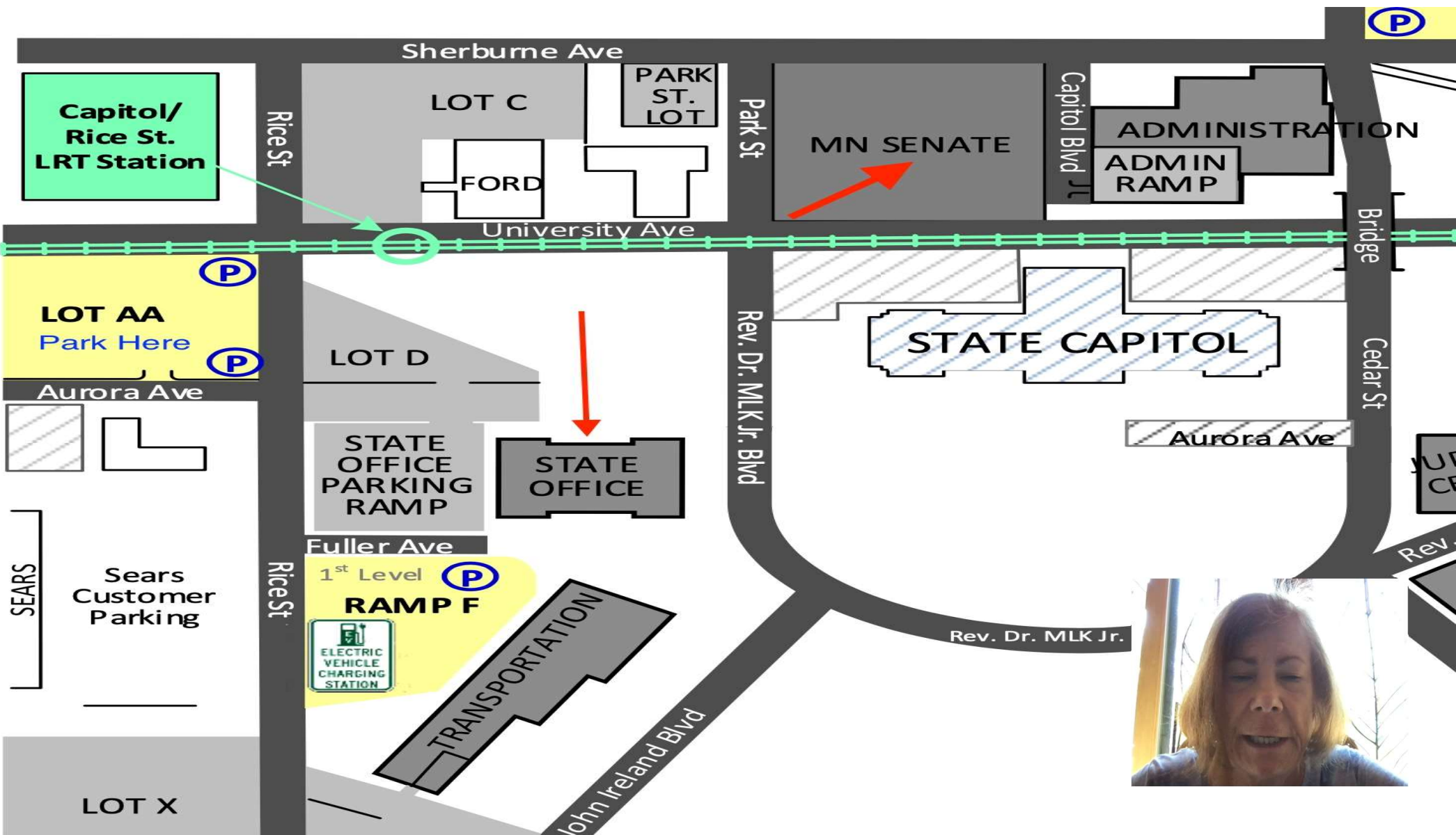


What do I do at  
the meeting with  
my Legislator?



How  
do I  
find  
the  
office?









# Approach the Legislative Assistant



# Sign Into the Guest Book





- → **THANK YOU.** In 2015, the legislature made an important investment in providing mental health services to Minnesotans and the Minnesota Psychological Association would like to thank the legislature for this important support. While it will go a long way, some other issues need to be addressed. ¶
- → **DUTY TO WARN.** A recent court case highlighted some holes in Minnesota law related to requirements to inform intended victims of serious and credible threats of harm. Our legislation would plug these holes and make sure that appropriate pertinent liability protections when faced with disclosures of a serious threat of harm. ¶
- → **HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION.** In order to improve care for all patients, there is a well-supported movement in the health care system to integrate psychological care into primary care settings. Unfortunately, some Department of Human Services (DHS) Medicaid policies are interfering with the implementation of these best-practices. We are in discussion with leaders at DHS, but may need to pursue legislative action in the 2017 session to assure that documentation and billing policies are appropriate so this intended integration can be successful and improve patient outcomes. ¶
- → **23.7% INCREASE IN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE RATES.** In 2007, critical access mental health providers were given a 23.7% increase in MA reimbursement. This increase did not include some mental health clinics and small or solo mental health professionals. Given Medicaid expansion and problems with access to care for patients, all mental health professionals should be considered critical to care, and receive appropriate compensation so that patients can get the care they need. A bill has been introduced each year since 2007 to rectify this concern. In 2015, a bill increasing MA reimbursement for mental health professionals not previously covered passed both house and senate health and human service committees and were held for inclusion in the HHS omnibus finance bill. Unfortunately, this increase did not make it into the final bill. We will continue to pursue this legislation so that we can insure access to care for people covered by Medical Assistance. ¶

# Bring a briefing summary





When prompted,  
go into the office  
and greet the  
Legislator



# What do I say?

Thank you for taking the time to see me.  
I'm here to talk about these issues.



Hand the Legislator the briefing summary



Start with a summary statement with bill numbers



State what you are asking them to do





# Explain why this is an important issue



Talk about why this issue is important in your practice

Tell a brief story to set the context

Why is this change good for all Minnesotans

Repeat your request

# Questions

Does the Legislator have any questions ?

Are there any groups opposed to the bill? If so, tell the legislator about the opposition



# Ending and Follow up



Thank

Thank the Legislator for their time

Offer

Offer to be a resource for the Legislator

Give

Give them your business card

Take

Take a picture for social media

Send

Send a follow up email thanking them and restating your request