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 individuals working in the mental health field are required to take action and are provided with 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 a bill has been introduced each year since 2007 to rectify this concern. In 2015, a bill increasing MA reimbursement for mental health professionals was not previously covered in both the House and Senate Health and Human Services committees and did not make it into the final bill. We will continue to pursue this legislation so that we can ensure access to care for people covered by Medical Assistance.
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

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