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[Additional Co-Sponsor of the SERVE Act \(H.R. 2767\)](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition is happy to announce a new co-sponsor of the SERVE Act, a bill which would greatly increase access to residential eating disorders treatment for servicemembers and their families under TRICARE. On January 21st, Congresswoman Cindy Axne (D-IA) became the latest Member of Congress to co-sponsor this legislation.

[EDC Press Release for Official Letter to Representatives DeGette and Upton Requesting the Inclusion of the Nutrition CARE Act Within Cures 2.0](#)

In December, the Eating Disorders Coalition submitted a letter to the offices of Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Congressman Fred Upton (R-MI), urging the Representatives to consider including the text of the bipartisan Nutrition Counseling Aiding Recovery for Eating Disorders Act of 2019 (Nutrition CARE Act) ([H.R. 3711/S. 2907](#)), within the planned Cures 2.0 legislative package. A link to the press release can be found [here](#), and a copy of the letter can be accessed [here](#).

[Academy for Eating Disorders \(AED\) Publishes *9 Truths About Weight and Eating Disorders*](#)

The Academy for Eating Disorders published an infographic laying out 9 basic truths about eating disorders. It highlights facts related to the complex connection between weight and health, weight bias, and the relationship between weight and eating disorders. This list has been fully endorsed by the eating disorders community and the EDC itself, and has been posted on our website [here](#).

[NEDAwareness Week 2020](#)

NEDA has announced that its NEDAwareness Week 2020 will take place between February 24th and March 1st. This year's theme, *Come as You Are: Hindsight is 20/20*, encourages advocates to reflect on the positive steps they've taken — including those stemming from setbacks or challenges — toward accepting themselves and others. The Eating Disorders Coalition will serve as an official supporting organization for this awareness week. For more information, click [here](#).

[EDC Letters of Support](#)

[Letters of Support for the Nutrition CARE Act \(H.R. 3711/S. 2907\)](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition led an effort involving over 25 stakeholder organizations to send a letter to the leadership of the House Committee on Energy & Commerce and the House Committee on Ways & Means, and another to the leadership of the Senate Committee on Finance, encouraging them to act on the Nutrition CARE Act and bring it forward for consideration. This legislation would ensure coverage for Medical Nutrition Therapy services under Medicare. The letter to relevant House committee leadership can be found [here](#), and the letter to relevant Senate committee leadership can be found [here](#).

[Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition is collecting stories from our advocates on their experiences as military members, veterans, and their families who are/were affected by eating disorders in order to inform our advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and develop a strong grassroots network of advocates across the U.S.

We are also collecting personal stories and advocacy interest from individuals on Medicare including persons aged 65 years of age and older and persons experiencing disabilities, and non-Medicare recipients who have had issues gaining insurance coverage for Nutrition Counseling (i.e. dietitian services) for their eating disorder.

If you have personal experiences with any of these issues, please fill out this [survey](#) for military and this [survey](#) for Medicare, disability, and/or Nutrition Counseling coverage.

EDC Action Alerts

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to engage our community through Action Alerts via email and text message. We need your voice to contact elected officials to further important eating disorder legislative priorities. Would you like to be notified about Action Alerts via our new text message advocacy system in the future? Sign up through this [link](#).

Thank you to our members who support EDC's successful policy efforts!

Champions Circle

- Residential Eating Disorders Consortium

Executive Circle

- Clementine
- Eating Recovery Center
- The Emily Program
- Monte Nido
- Oliver-Pyatt Centers
- Veritas Collaborative
- WithAll

Policy Circle

- Academy for Eating Disorders
- National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA)
- The Renfrew Center

Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancy
- The Donahue Foundation
- Focus Treatment Center
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Reasons Eating Disorder Center

Advocacy Circle

- Center for Change
- Laureate Eating Disorders Program
- Walden Behavioral Care

Support Circle

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
- Alsana: Eating Disorders Treatment and Recovery Centers
- Cambridge Eating Disorder Center
- Center for Discovery
- The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt
- Eating Disorder Hope
- Mirasol Eating Disorder Recovery Centers
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)

Hope Circle

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital
- Eating Disorder Therapy LA
- FEAST
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders
- Project HEAL
- Stay Strong Virginia
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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