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[New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act \(H.R. 3711/S. 2907\)](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition is proud to announce five new co-sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act, which would ensure that Medical Nutrition Therapy (dietitian services) treatment for eating disorders is covered under Medicare. The Congressional members who recently signed on to this bill include: Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN), Rep. Bill Pascrell (D-NJ), Rep. Alcee Hastings (D-FL), and Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX).



[Registration Opens for EDC 2020 Advocacy Day](#)

On February 20th, the Eating Disorders Coalition officially opened registration for EDC 2020 Advocacy Day. The advocacy day will take place in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 between 8:30am and 5:00pm. Participants will continue to advocate on behalf of the Nutrition CARE Act and will also request support for the SERVE Act (H.R. 2767/S. 2673), which would expand access to eating disorders treatment for members of the military and their families under TRICARE. Registration closes April 8th; use the following link to sign up: <https://bit.ly/39PC62r>.

Can't make it to this year's advocacy day? Sign up for our Action Alerts below in order to participate in our Virtual Advocacy Day on May 13th.

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

The Academy for Eating Disorders published an infographic laying out nine basic truths about weight and 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, including the EDC, and has been posted on our website [here](#).

[NEDAwareness Week 2020 Recap](#)

Last week, the Eating Disorders Coalition was honored to serve as an official supporting organization for NEDAwareness Week, which took place between February 24th and March 1st. The week's theme, *Come as You Are: Hindsight is 20/20*, encouraged advocates to think back on the positive steps they've taken towards accepting themselves and others, especially if they came as a result of a setback or difficulty. NEDAwareness week also featured [blog posts](#) from experts and stakeholders on eating disorders, body image, and weight stigma.

[EDC Letters of Support](#)

[Seeding Rural Resilience Act \(H.R. 4820/S. 2599\)](#)

Along with other members of the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG), the Eating Disorders Coalition signed on to a letter expressing strong support for this legislation. Led by Senator Tester (D-MT) and Senator Grassley (R-IA) in the Senate, and by Representative Brindisi (D-NY), Representative Katko (R-NY), and Representative Craig (D-MN) in the House, the bill would prioritize mental health care services in rural areas and create a training program for the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Services in the management of the stresses experienced by farmers and ranchers. The full Senate letter can be found [here](#), and the full House letter can be found [here](#).

Impact of Sharing Confidential Therapy Records of Detained Children

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined fellow Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) members in a letter to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, House Homeland Security Committee, and House Oversight and Reform Committee leadership, urging them to convene oversight hearings and evaluate the impact of the sharing of confidential therapy records on detained children. Click [here](#) to see the full letter.

Implementation of the National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018

The Eating Disorders Coalition signed on to a Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), expressing its support for the proposed rule plan to designate 9-8-8 as a three-digit hotline for suicide and other mental health crises, while also stressing the need for increasing the capacity of crisis call centers, training call takers in cultural competency, and implementing processes that allow calls to be routed for specialized services, especially for at-risk communities. The full letter 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)
- Alkana: 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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