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

The Eating Disorders Coalition is proud to announce that a new additional co-sponsor has signed onto our flagship legislation, the bipartisan Nutrition CARE Act, a bill which would establish Medical Nutrition Therapy as a covered outpatient benefit under Medicare. This month, Congresswoman Kendra Horn (D-OK) signed on as a co-sponsor of the Nutrition CARE Act.



New Co-Sponsors of the SERVE Act ([H.R. 2767/S.2673](#))

The Eating Disorders Coalition is pleased to report new co-sponsors of the bipartisan SERVE Act, which would significantly increase access to residential eating disorders treatment under TRICARE for servicemembers and their families. Reps. Brownley (D-CA), Lofgren (D-CA), Price (D-NC), and Rice (D-NY) all became co-sponsors of the SERVE Act.

Medical Nutrition Therapy Act of 2020 Introduced in the Senate ([H.R. 6971/S. 4504](#))

We applaud EDC member, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, for securing Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) to lead the Senate companion bill of the Medical Nutrition Therapy Act of 2020. The bill would expand coverage for medical nutrition therapy services under Medicare for multiple chronic conditions, including eating disorders. If you would like to take action to support this legislation, you can do so [here](#).

EDC Advocacy Day Updates

The Eating Disorders Coalition is excited to host our first Virtual Advocacy Day on September 23. We will be advocating on Medicare coverage for outpatient medical nutrition therapy for eating disorders through the bipartisan Nutrition CARE Act ([H.R. 3711/S. 2907](#)), as well as telehealth coverage under the bipartisan Tele-Mental Health Improvement Act ([S. 3792](#)) and Health Care at Home Act ([H.R. 6644](#)). A schedule of events can be found on the [event page](#).

EDC Letters of Support

Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP)

The Eating Disorders Coalition signed onto a letter led by the American Academy of Pediatrics to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, urging them to include \$50M in funding for the Pediatric Subspecialty Loan Repayment Program (PSLRP) in the Fiscal Year 2021 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill, and prioritize the inclusion of this funding in a final omnibus spending bill. Read the full letter [here](#).

Protecting Access to Post-COVID-19 Telehealth Act ([H.R. 7663](#))

The Eating Disorders Coalition joined 225 organizations in a letter to the leaders of the bipartisan Congressional Telehealth Caucus in support of the bipartisan Protecting Access to Post-COVID-19 Telehealth Act ([H.R. 7663](#)), which would ensure all Medicare beneficiaries have continued access to telehealth services after the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) period. Read the full letter [here](#).

Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection

The Eating Disorders Coalition continues to collect 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)
- Rogers Behavioral Health
- 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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