EATING DISORDERS in the 21st Century Cures Act

The 21st Century Cures Act, signed into law on December 13, 2016, is proof that bipartisan work can create historical pieces of legislation. The Cures Act passed 392-26 in the House of Representatives and 94-5 in the Senate.

The passing of the Cures Act also marks the first time in history that Congress passed legislation written specifically to improve the lives of those affected by eating disorders.

Healthcare Coverage, Treatment and Training on Eating Disorders is Inadequate

- **29%** Private insurance patients who have reported being denied for mental health services
- **41%** Anorexia patients who relapse within a year without receiving full treatment
- **19%** Medical School Programs that offer elective rotations on eating disorders

How the 21st Century Cures Act Can Help

The Cures Act includes important provisions related to eating disorders that provide for:

- Increased access to eating disorders treatment coverage through the clarification of Mental Health Parity
- Coordinated training for health professionals to early identify eating disorders
- Required eating disorders prevention, intervention, and treatment information be included on the HHS Office of Women's Health Website

Our Request

Now is the time to act! Urge Secretary Price to start the rulemaking process and prioritize the implementation of the eating disorder provisions to increase access to treatment and help our health professionals early identify eating disorders.

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