

# EDC ON THE HILL

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#### **New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act ([H.R. 1551/S. 584](#))**

The EDC is pleased to announce that 2 Representatives and 2 Senators signed onto the Nutrition CARE Act in the month of July. Big thanks to Representatives Krishnamoorthi (D-IL-08) and Harder (D-CA-10) and Senators Bennet (D-CO) Warner (D-VA).

#### **New Co-Sponsors of the SERVE Act ([H.R. 1309/S. 194](#))**

The EDC is also happy to share with the community that 2 Representative and 1 Senator became new co-sponsors of the SERVE Act in the month of July. Huge thanks to Representatives Slotkin (D-MI-08) and Kahele (D-HI-02) and Senator Blumenthal (D-CT).

#### **Labor, Health, and Human Services Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Bill**

The EDC celebrates the passage of three eating disorders provisions in U.S. House of Representatives Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Bill. Read the full press release [here](#).

#### **Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2022 Request Letter**

Senators Klobuchar (D-MN) and Rounds (R-SD) led a letter signed by 12 Senators to the Senate Appropriations Committee leadership to maintain research funding for eating disorders under the Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP). Read the full letter [here](#).

#### **EDC Letters of Support**

##### **Joint Public Health Insurance Option Letter of Support**

The EDC led a letter with Well Being Trust, the Kennedy Forum, Mental Health America, and Inseparable on recommendations against using Medicare as the base as Congress considers a Public Health Insurance Option. The full letter can be accessed [here](#).

#### **Children and Media Research Advancement (CAMRA) Act ([H.R. 2161](#) / [S. 971](#))**

The EDC led a letter in support of the CAMRA Act which would authorize the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to dedicate funding to research the impacts of various forms of media and technology on infants, children, and adolescents. The full letter can be found [here](#).

### **Expand Access to Telehealth After the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Ends**

The EDC joined over 400 organizations in support to continue telehealth after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency ends. Telehealth is in jeopardy of ending without action from Congress. The full letter can be accessed [here](#).

### **EDC Super Advocates**

While we at the EDC are always hard at work urging Members of Congress to support eating disorders initiatives, there is nothing more important to Members of Congress than the opinions of their constituents. We are looking for individuals to become a leader in their community, our *Super Advocates* will (1) devote time for outreach to Members of Congress asking them to support EDC legislation and (2) help grow our advocate base in their community. We have five different levels for you to participate in and receive recognition for your time and dedication. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Emily Rosenberg at [erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org](mailto:erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org).

### **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

- REDC Consortium

## Executive Circle

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

## Policy Circle

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

## Leadership Circle

- Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness
- Bannister Consultancy
- The Donahue Foundation
- Gail R. Schoenbach FREED Foundation
- International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals Foundation (iaedp)
- Montecatini

## 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
- Eating Disorders Hope
- Farrington Specialty Counseling
- Multi-Service Eating Disorders Association
- Park Nicollet Melrose Center
- Rosewood Centers for Eating Disorders
- Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders (STRIPED)
- Stay Strong Virginia

## Hope Circle

- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- International Federation of Eating Disorders Dietitians (IFEDD)
- Moonshadow's Spirit
- Project HEAL
- The National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD)
- Rogers Behavioral Health
- Wrobel & Smith, PLLP

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