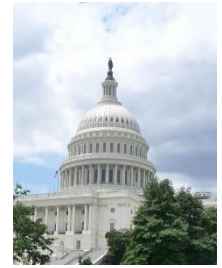


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House Passes Eating Disorders Care Provisions, a Victory for Military Families

U.S. House of Representatives passed the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which included two eating disorders initiatives to support military families' access to care. The provisions will increase provider training and TRICARE military insurance coverage for eating disorders. Read more [here](#).

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

The EDC would like to thank Representative Morgan H. Griffith (R-VA-09) for becoming a co-sponsor of the Nutrition CARE Act!

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

The EDC thanks Senator Angus King (I-ME) for becoming a co-sponsor of the SERVE Act!

Senate Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, & Data Security Hearing

The EDC applauds Subcommittee Chairman Blumenthal and Ranking Member Blackburn for uplifting the negative mental health impacts of Facebook and Instagram, including the harms the platforms present to individuals with eating disorders. The full hearing can be viewed [here](#) and clips from the Senators can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#).



Eating Disorders Resource Center (EDRC) and Project HEAL Publish Op-Ed on Nutrition CARE Act

EDRC's Founder and Executive Director Janice Bremis and Project HEAL's Chief Executive Officer Rebecca Eyre co-authored an Op-Ed in California newspaper, The Mercury News.

The article discusses the gaps in Medicare for mental illness and the Nutrition CARE Act ([H.R. 1551/S. 584](#)), which would finally provide Medicare coverage for outpatient dietitian services for individuals with eating disorders. The full article can be read [here](#).

EDC Letters of Support

Southerners for Medicaid Expansion

The EDC joined over 400 organizations in urging Senate Democrats to close the Medicaid gap to give over two million uninsured Americans health coverage. Read more [here](#).

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

The EDC signed a letter led by MHLG to urge the Committee on Appropriations to provide funding for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline in the Fiscal Year 2022 Continuing Resolution. Read more [here](#).

Paul Wellstone and Pete Domenici Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008 (Federal Parity Act)

The EDC signed a thank you letter to Education and Labor Chairman Bobby Scott on his strong leadership to strengthen enforcement of the Federal Parity Act in the Committee-passed Build Back Better Act language. Read more [here](#).

Prioritizing Children's Needs

The EDC joined 30 national organizations urging Congress to prioritize the emotional, behavioral, and mental needs of children and their families in the Build Back Better budget reconciliation package. Read more [here](#).

Healthcare Safety in the Build Back Better Legislation

The EDC signed a letter led by MHLG to House leadership in support of mental health provisions to the Build Back Better legislation. Read more [here](#).

EDC Super Advocates

The EDC would like to welcome and recognize 14 new Super Advocates in the month of September! These individuals will help the EDC grow its advocate base in their state, participate in social media campaigns and partake in outreach to their legislators. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Emily Rosenberg at erosenberg@eatingdisorderscoalition.org.

Platinum: Keegan Carroll (AK)

Gold: Abigail O'Laughlin (FL), Kim Tolley (FL), Camila Fiumara (FL), Melissa Amison (IL), and Cheryl Barcal (IL)

Silver: Nina Deuschle (NY), Jodi Miller (PA), Brandis McFarland (IA), Ashley Neal (FL), and Haley Sumner (IN)

Bronze: Juliette Brown (CO), Isabelle Whittingham (CA), and Jennifer Morris (FL)

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

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

- 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

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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