New Co-Sponsors of the Nutrition CARE Act (H.R. 3711/S. 2907)
The Eating Disorders Coalition is pleased to announce additional co-sponsors for the Nutrition CARE Act. The legislation would establish Medical Nutrition Therapy for eating disorders as a covered outpatient benefit under Medicare. In the past month, Reps. Norcross (D-NJ-01), Crist (D-FL-13), Napolitano (D-CA-32), Lynch (D-MA-08), Davis (D-IL-07), and Adams (D-NC-12) all co-sponsored the legislation.

New Co-Sponsors of the SERVE Act (H.R. 2767/S.2673)
The EDC is happy to report two new co-sponsors for the SERVE Act; legislation which would significantly increase access to residential eating disorders treatment under the TRICARE military health insurance program for servicemembers and their families. Reps. Khanna (D-CA-17) and Rush (D-IL-01) recently became the latest Member of Congress to support the SERVE Act.

Eating Disorders Coalition Welcomes Schuyler Bailar & Dr. Kimberly Dennis to Board of Directors
The EDC is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors. Schuyler Bailar, inclusion, body-positivity, and mental health advocate; and Dr. Kim Dennis, Medical Director, CEO and Co-founder of SunCloud Health, both began their three-year terms on November 12, 2020. Read the full press release here.

Eating Disorders Coalition Board of Directors Board Retreat
On Thursday, November 12, the EDC held its annual EDC Board Retreat virtually over Zoom. Items discussed during the retreat included the 2020 election results, how the results impact eating disorders policy, the 2021 strategy for the Nutrition CARE Act, how to approach the new presidential administration, and other relevant policy topics heading into the new year.

EDC Memorializes former Member of Congress and EDC Board Member Jim Ramstad
Earlier this month, the EDC and the eating disorders community mourned the loss of Jim Ramstad, former U.S. Representative for Minnesota’s Third Congressional District and EDC Board Member. Ramstad was a champion for expanding access to mental health treatment and a strong ally of the eating disorders community. The EDC sends condolences to his family and friends, and will continue to honor his legacy by working to make sure Americans receive the mental health care they need and deserve.

WithAll What to Say Initiative
EDC coalition member, WithAll has launched an initiative, “What to Say,” to encourage people to sign a pledge to stop diet and weight talk, including putting a stop to labeling foods as
healthy/unhealthy and making judgmental comments about your own weight or another person’s weight. To learn more about diet/weight talk and sign the pledge, click 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**
- REDC 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 Disorders (ANAD)
- Project HEAL
- Stay Strong Virginia
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