

EDC ON THE HILL

2019

November Newsletter



- [Senate Introduction of the Nutrition CARE Act \(S. 2907\)](#)
- [Congressional Briefing of the Nutrition CARE Act](#)
- [Additional Supporters for the SERVE Act \(H.R. 2767\)](#)
- [Eating Disorders & Body Confidence Advocacy Day at the MA State House](#)
- [EDC Letters of Support](#)
- [Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection](#)
- [EDC Action Alerts](#)



[Senate Introduction of the Nutrition CARE Act \(S. 2907\)](#)

Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Maggie Hassan (D-NH) recently introduced the Nutrition CARE Act in the Senate. If passed, the bill would require outpatient nutrition counseling to be included under Medicare, and improved access to care for seniors and people living with disabilities who struggle with eating disorders. EDC's press release can be found [here](#). Senator Hassan's press release can be found [here](#).

[Congressional Briefing of the Nutrition CARE Act \(H.R. 3711\)](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition hosted a congressional briefing in coordination with Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA) and Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) on the Nutrition CARE Act. The recording of the briefing can be found [here](#). We are also excited to announce new cosponsors of the bill: Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Rep. Ted Deutch (D-FL), and Rep. Susan Davis (D-CA), bringing the total count to sixteen bipartisan cosponsors.

[Additional Supporters for the SERVE Act \(H.R. 2767\)](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition is excited to announce new cosponsors for the SERVE Act: Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA), Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA), Rep. Jason Crow (D-CO), Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA), Rep. Joe Courtney (D-CT), Rep. Vicky Hartzler (R-MO), Rep. Betty McCollum (D-MN), and Rep. Tony Cardenas (D-CA), bringing the total count to nineteen bipartisan cosponsors. This bill would expand mental health access and treatment for service members and their families under TRICARE.

[Eating Disorders & Body Confidence Advocacy Day at the MA State House](#)

STRIPED, NEDA, MEDA, Jameel Jamil (activist and founder of I Weigh), Rep. Kay Khan, My Power People, and Be Real USA hosted successful Eating Disorders & Body Confidence Advocacy Day at the Massachusetts State House. Stakeholders educated Massachusetts lawmakers from across the state about eating disorders and advocated in support of two Massachusetts House bills to promote body confidence in young people. If passed into law, H.1942 will keep dangerous diet pills and muscle-building supplements out of the hands of Massachusetts youth, and H.3892 will help outlaw digital alteration of advertising images that promote harmful beauty standards. Learn more [here](#).

[EDC Letters of Support](#)

[Letter of Support for the STANDUP Act \(S. 2492\)](#)

The Eating Disorder Coalition, on behalf of the Mental Health Liaison Group, expressed their strong support for the STANDUP Act in a letter to Senate leadership. The bill would help prevent suicides by encouraging state, local, and tribal education agencies to institute student suicide awareness and prevention training policies from grades six through twelve. The letter of support can be found [here](#).

[Eating Disorders Personal Story Collection](#)

The Eating Disorders Coalition is collecting 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
- Timberline Knolls
- Walden Behavioral Care

Support Circle

- 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
- Mothers Against Eating Disorders (MAED)
- 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

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND)
- Eating Disorder Coalition of Iowa (EDCI)
- The Eating Disorders Center at Rogers Memorial Hospital
- 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

Stay in touch!

Like us on Facebook

Follow us on Twitter