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Happy Friday REDC Consortium Members!

We have a shorter policy update this week as we get ready for REDC's Virtual Advocacy Day and Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Some things to keep on your radar:

February 10: REDC Virtual Advocacy Day

- Thank you to all who signed up to participate in this year's virtual advocacy day!
- Registrants received materials from Luke Kopetsky earlier this week, so please don't hesitate to connect with him if you have any questions at: luke.kopetsky@centerroadsolutions.com
- For those unable to attend, we are putting together a social media toolkit for members to take action on social media during advocacy day. Stay tuned for that information in an upcoming policy update!

SAVE THE DATE: SERVE Act Congressional Briefing on February 25 at 12:30-1:30 pm EST

- The REDC Consortium has partnered with the Eating Disorders Coalition for Research, Policy & Action and the National Military Families Association to host a congressional briefing on the SERVE Act.
- This briefing will take place during Eating Disorders Awareness Week
- Registration for the briefing will be up soon, so stay tuned for more information coming shortly!

Biden Administration & COVID Relief Plan

- The Biden Administration released their "American Rescue Plan" and Emergency Legislative Package, which includes some great provisions for Congress' consideration:
 - Providing COBRA subsidies for Americans through September
 - The REDC Consortium supported this effort with 35 organizations with a letter to Congressional leadership at the end of the year
 - The letter is attached
 - Increasing the value of premium tax credits to lower health insurance premiums, stipulating that Americans will not pay more than 8.5% of their income on coverage.
 - Investing \$4 billion into the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide the critical MH/SUD care Americans need.

Telehealth Letters

- The REDC Consortium joined fellow members of the Mental Health Liaison Group in letters to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid and the Department of Health & Human Services for the continued inclusion of audio-only coverage and geographic and site restriction removal for services provided via telehealth.
- Both letters are attached for reference.

Best,
Allison