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REMINDER! Register for EDC Virtual Advocacy Day, May 6, 2021

- Registration is open through Friday, April 9 for individuals interested in participating in the Eating Disorders Coalition's annual advocacy day.
 - You can visit the registration page at the link [here](#).
 - EDC is advocating for the Nutrition CARE Act, which would provide Medicare Part B coverage for outpatient dietitian services for individuals with eating disorders.

I. SERVE Act

- The NDAA submission process is still continuing. The House deadline is April 5th, and the Senate deadline has not been set.
 - We still expect the markup process to be later this year than in previous years.
 - New Co-Sponsors:
 - Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT)
- **Other TRICARE Items:**
 - We met with the White House Domestic Policy Council staff on overall mental health issues.
 - Within this, they highlighted the desire to fix gaps in the TRICARE system and ensure telehealth is extended beyond the pandemic, as long as its in their power.
 - We will continue working with them and will be having a deeper discussion on the TRICARE issues and what they can solve on the regulatory side with the TRICARE for Kids Coalition later this month.

II. Telehealth

- **American Jobs Plan**
 - President Biden is releasing his American Jobs Plan today, the latest roadmap for the Democrat's second round of utilizing budget reconciliation to bypass Senate gridlock by needing only a simple majority.
 - A second economic proposal is expected to be released in April and include a major expansion in health insurance coverage, subsidies for child care, free access to community college and more.
 - The outline can be found here: <https://punchbowl.news/wp-content/uploads/American-Jobs-Plan-Fact-Sheet.pdf> with broadband discussion on page 8

- Top Congressional Democrats, including Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) recommend this next reconciliation package contain a \$94 billion investment in building out broadband internet and supporting digital equity.
 - This would build off last year's efforts, which provided households with billions in emergency subsidies to low-income households with broadband and the establishment of the FCC's Covid-19 telehealth grant program for rural areas.
 - These investments may aid in thwarting off those who oppose maintaining the telehealth flexibilities after the pandemic. The rationale being that this could increase health inequities for those that do not have broadband access.
- **REDC Consortium Infographic**
 - Attached is the final infographic that we will be using in conversations with congressional offices on the effectiveness of telehealth for individuals with eating disorders.
 - Thank you to all the REDC members that I spoke with over the course of several weeks and those that filled out the survey!
 - The infographic also contains the telehealth priorities for the REDC Consortium.

III. ACA

- The Biden Administration is doubling its outreach budget for the ACA to \$100 million, as it rolls out new advertising that touts expanded financial help through the American Rescue Plan.
 - Just as a refresher, the new stimulus plans provides new insurance subsidies, which are available for two years, are more generous for low-income customers and for the first time are extended to middle-income Americans.
 - The new advertising campaign will run on TV, digital, email, radio and streaming video platforms like Hulu.
 - The Administration will target populations in need of coverage--such as the uninsured and demographic groups that historically have lower access to health care.

IV. Center Road Solutions 2020 In Review

- Attached you will find our infographic detailing select achievements from last year.
- We thank each of you for being wonderful partners, and we look forward to continuing our work this year and beyond!

Best,
Allison & the Center Road Solutions Team