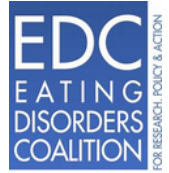


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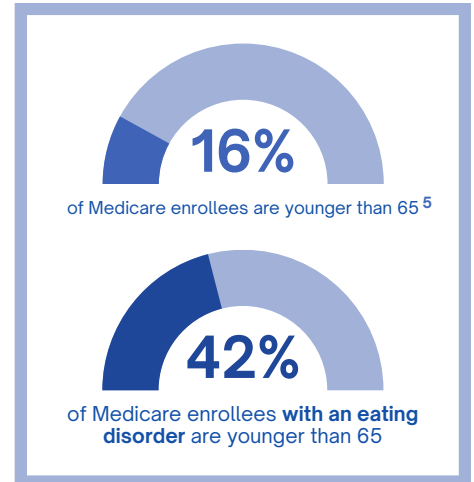
The Need: Eating disorders are costly and deadly to Medicare beneficiaries.

\$65B annual economic cost of eating disorders to U.S.¹

52 mins how often one person dies from an eating disorder²

\$20K higher average health expenditures for each Medicare enrollee w/ an eating disorder³

6+ number of comorbid conditions reported by most Medicare enrollees with eating disorders⁴



The Problem: Medicare does not cover outpatient Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) for people with eating disorders, even though it is an essential component of treatment.



Four elements
of successful eating disorders treatment

Forgoing outpatient MNT raises likelihood of hospitalization & hinders long-term recovery⁶

Medical Nutrition Therapy (n):⁷ nutrition-based therapeutic and counseling treatment by a registered dietitian nutritionist

The Solution: Provide Medical Nutrition Therapy coverage benefits to Medicare beneficiaries with eating disorders



Equal MNT coverage to the currently available Medicare Part B benefit for diabetes and renal disease



Significant savings created by treating expensive & complex illnesses at outpatient level

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