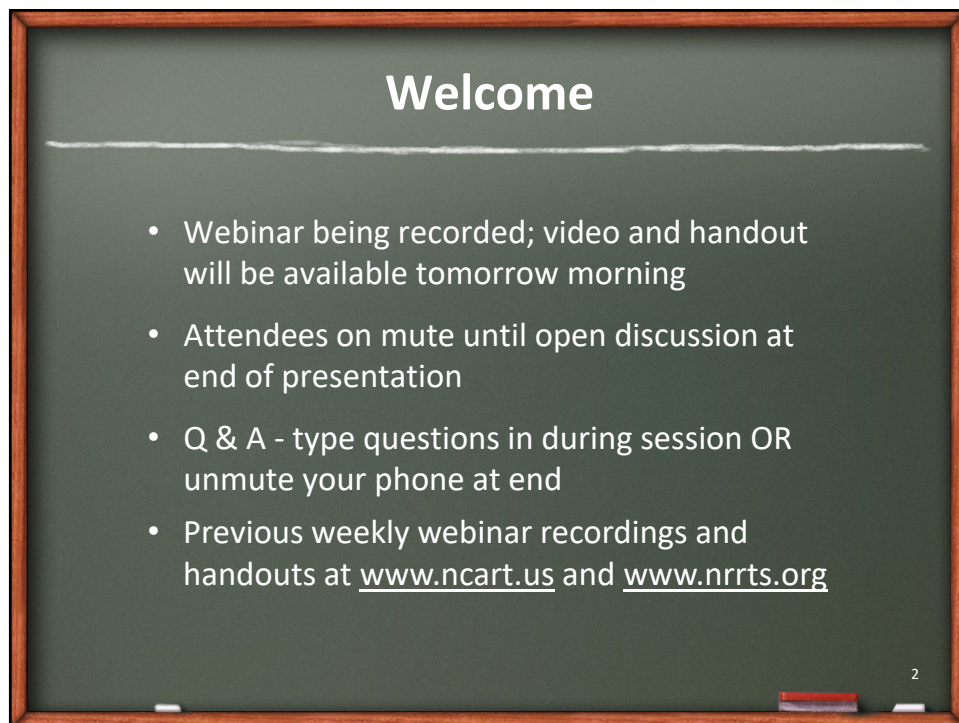




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Today's Topics

1. Congressional/Legislative Update
2. CRT Advocacy Issues
3. Remote Services/Telehealth
4. Clinician Task Force
5. ADA 30 Year Anniversary
6. National CRT Awareness Week
7. Unite4CRT
8. Discussion and Q & A

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Legislative Update

House & Senate - In Session through August 7

Hearings

Another COVID Relief bill?

- House passed \$3T HEROS Act back in May.
- Senate released summary of provisions they are working to include in their package. Senate package expected to come in around \$1T.
- Extension of telemedicine payments, Stimulus checks, Unemployment extension, PPP, Liability Reform.

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Request DME Comp Bidding Delay

- Next round of Medicare DME Competitive Bidding Program (CBP) scheduled for 1/1/21
- While CRT is not directly impacted, has broad negative impacts to access to DME items critical to supporting people in their homes
- Congressional sign-on letter to CMS is being circulated in Congress requesting at least one-year delay - Member signatures needed

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Request DME CB Delay (cont'd)

- Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Rep. Dave Loebsack are circulating a "Dear Colleague Letter". Letter requests delay of CB for at least 1 year. Goal is to get over 100 signatures.
- Need to especially focus on Democrats so the letter is very bipartisan.
- Deadline for signatures is July 29; get more details at "Congressional Sign-On Letter" at www.aahomecare.org.

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CRT Manual WC Accessories Increase

- MACs system was updated July 1 to accept the KU modifier on accessories and parts used on complex manual wheelchairs (K0005, E1161, etc.)
- Claims submitted after July 1 with DOS Jan 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021 use the KU modifier on affected accessories/parts used on complex manual wheelchair bases (K0005, E1161, etc.)
- Use KU regardless of where Beneficiary resides

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CRT Manual WC Accessories (cont'd)

- Request a reopening for claims submitted prior to July 1, 2020, with DOS January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020
- MAC will adjust (reprocess) to the KU rate
- Use the DME MAC Reopening Request Form
- For "Supplier Information" - Complete all fields - list all PTANs for which you request these reopenings

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CRT Manual WC Accessories (cont'd)

- For “Beneficiary Information” – Complete only as follows:
 - Reason for Adjustment: Check “Other”
 - Comments: State “Please adjust my previously processed claims for the PTAN(s) listed above for the HCPCS covered in CR 11635”
- Suppliers **DO NOT need to complete** the fields associated with the beneficiary (i.e., beneficiary name, Medicare number, address, etc.), Date of Service, HCPCS, or Claim Control Number

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CRT Manual WC Accessories (cont'd)

- MAC will search for paid complex manual rehab bases (K0005, E1161, etc.) based on the supplier’s PTAN and apply the KU to the affected accessories and parts
- If Medicare didn’t pay for the base a redetermination will be required to verify medical necessity of the base to adjust the repair parts

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Need CMS To Make Policy Permanent

- Current policy suspension re Medicare CRT Manual WC Accessories expires 6/30/21
- We need CMS to make this change permanent, just like they did in 2017 for CRT Power WCs
- Working with Congressional champions to send formal request to CMS Administrator Verma
- May need help gathering Congressional signatures; stay tune for updates

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Power Seat Elevation and Standing

- Seeking Medicare coverage for power seat elevation and power standing systems
- ITEM Coalition workgroups
- Request for Reconsideration of NCD for MAE
- Preliminary call with CMS held; request is being finalized and will be formally submitted shortly

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Remote Services Relating to CRT

1. Telehealth- Physician Face-To-Face examination
2. Telehealth- Clinical/specialty evaluation (PT, OT)
3. Telehealth- Fitting and training (PT, OT)
4. Telehealth- Ongoing follow-up (PT, OT)
5. CRT Company- Supplier ATP involvement
6. CRT Company- Home assessment
7. CRT Company- Repairs
8. CRT Company- Ongoing follow-up

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CRT Remote Services Consortium

- Objective- Establish permanent policies within federal, state, and commercial insurance plans to allow/cover remote services as an option in the provision of CRT when appropriate
- Members represent CRT stakeholder groups- providers, clinicians, manufacturers, consumers
- Execute advocacy plans for each payer group-
 - a) Medicare- Congress and CMS
 - b) Medicaid- legislature and Medicaid Agency
 - c) Commercial- plan's Medical Director and others

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Protecting State Access

- State advocacy to protect against CRT cuts
- Templates and tools available to highlight need to preserve Medicaid CRT payment levels
- Report if you hear discussions around Medicaid cuts being discussed or reported
- Contact Mickae Lee at NCART at mlee@ncart.us with information or requests for assistance

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Clinician Task Force

Our Mission: To provide clinical based expertise to inform and promote public policy, best practices, and positive outcomes regarding people with disabilities who require Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) products and related services.




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Clinician Task Force

Organization - history, leadership, structure

Non-profit - 501c4



Membership - Primarily PTs and OTs in CRT field; 80%-practicing; 20% connected to manufacturer or supplier; annual renewal; agree to work groups; no fee; criteria on website


Funding - by donations; grants - How \$ is used

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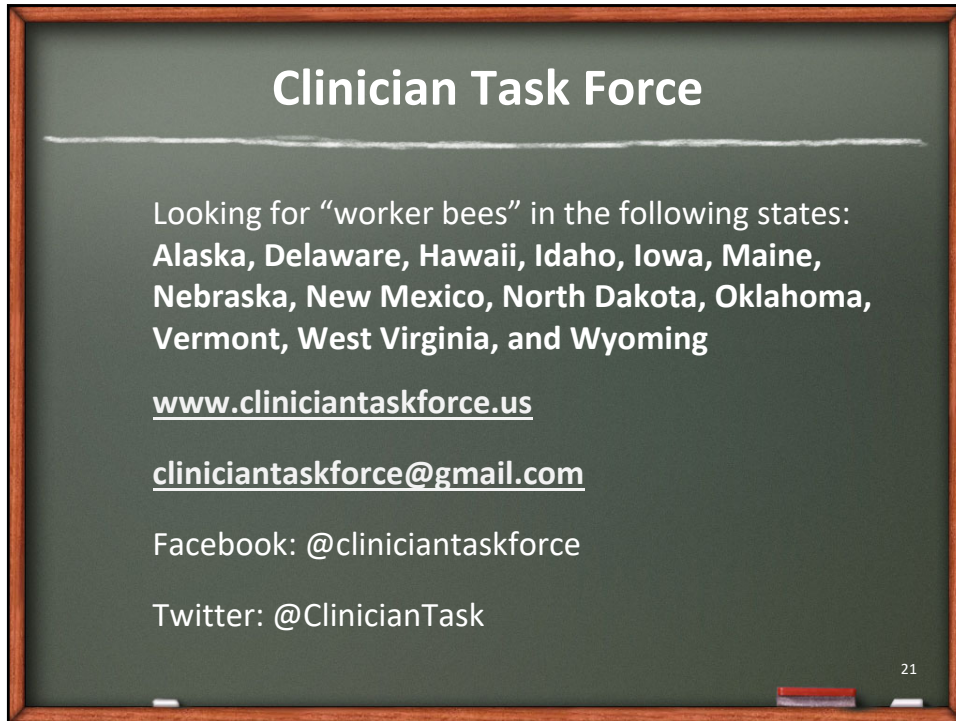
Priorities and current activity:



1. **Federal Legislation** - Telehealth Consortium; advocacy for SBC and other bills; engaging clinicians and consumers; work with other organizations
2. **State Medicaid CRT** - CRT legislation, access; funding cuts, policy changes
3. **Medicare** - Coverage and access for PSE and Power Standing; work with RESNA on position papers
4. **Education** - Academic setting and Practicing clinicians; resources, mentoring, articles in *Directions*

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Clinician Task Force

Looking for “worker bees” in the following states:
**Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Maine,
Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma,
Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming**

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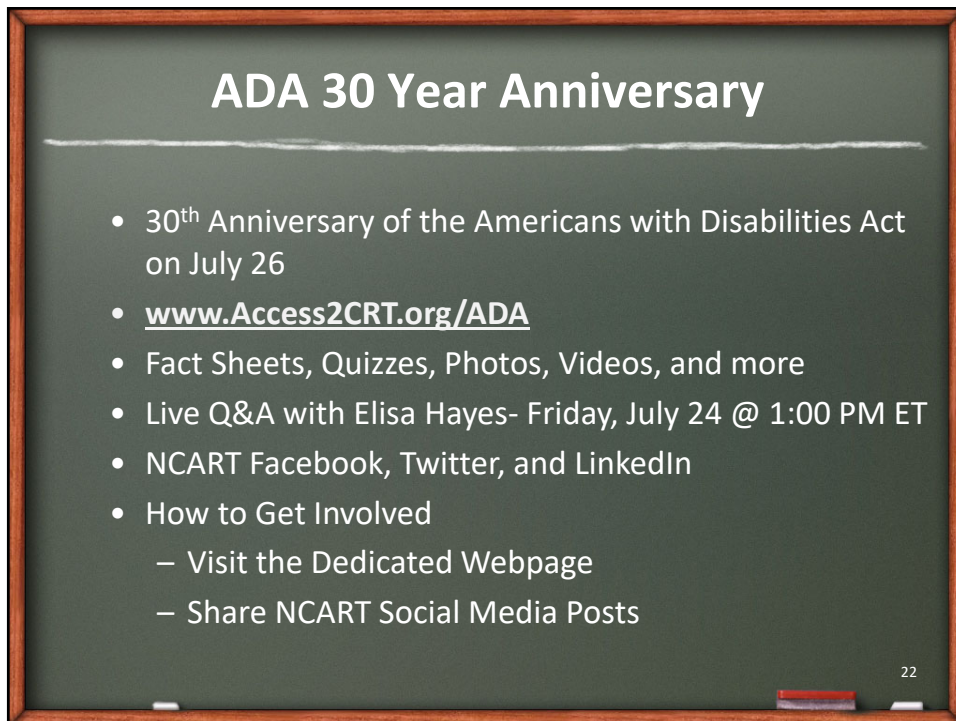
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ADA 30 Year Anniversary

- 30th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act on July 26
- www.Access2CRT.org/ADA
- Fact Sheets, Quizzes, Photos, Videos, and more
- Live Q&A with Elisa Hayes- Friday, July 24 @ 1:00 PM ET
- NCART Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn
- How to Get Involved
 - Visit the Dedicated Webpage
 - Share NCART Social Media Posts

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National CRT Awareness Week

- Annual CRT Awareness Week August 10-14, 2020
- A full week dedicated to developing a better understanding of Complex Rehab Technology
 - August 10 – CRT Consumer Day
 - August 11 – CRT Supplier Day
 - August 12 – CRT Manufacturer Day
 - August 13 – CRT Clinician Day
 - August 14 – CRT Advocacy Day
- Mark your calendars and get signed up for updates at www.Access2CRT.org to stay “in the know”

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Supporting CRT Consumers

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday
July 28th
at
7 pm EST

CHECK IN

**STAY CALM AND TRAVEL ON:
TIPS FOR TRAVELING WITH A DISABILITY**

We will discuss tips and advice for planning a road trip, air travel, hotel stays, and more!

Bring your ideas and share your experiences in the July Virtual Town Hall Meeting

Our mission is to provide an outlet for CRT Users to share unique stories and educate through personal experience.

Register in advance

 #Unite4CRT

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Unite4CRT Information

nrts.org/unite4crt

As CRT Users, we UNITE with suppliers, manufacturers, clinicians, caregivers, family, and friends in monthly Virtual Town Hall meetings to share our stories in a welcoming and supportive environment.

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Webinar Wrap Up

- Thanks for your commitment!
- Next CRT Industry Webinar on Thursday August 20 at 4:00 PM ET
- Questions, Answers, Discussion

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