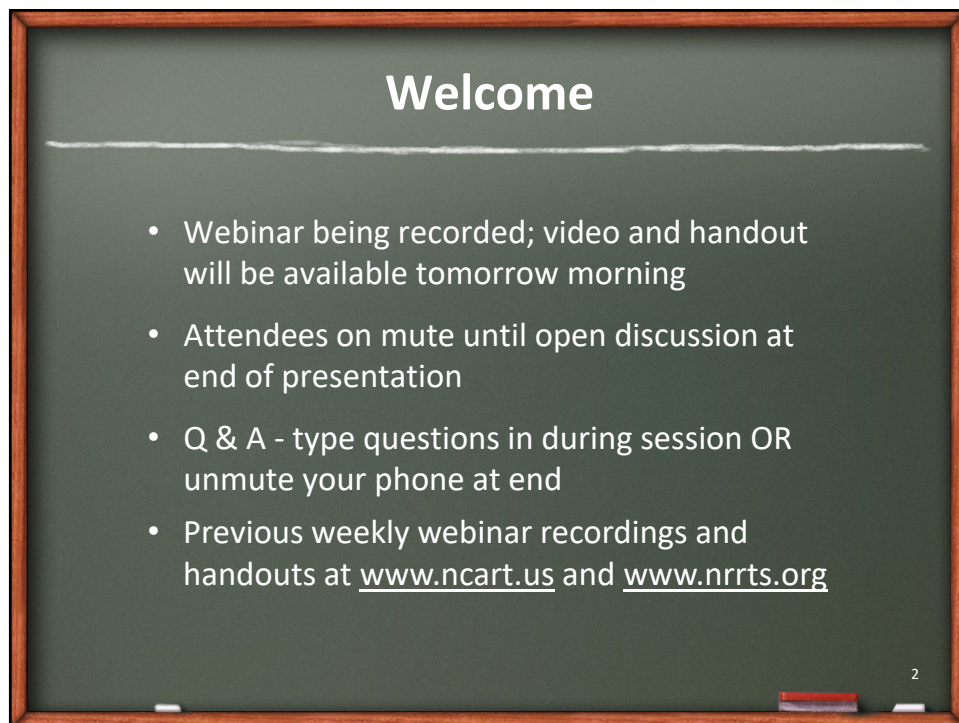




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## Today's Topics

1. Congressional/Legislative Update
2. CRT Advocacy Issues
3. Remote Services/Telehealth
4. Clinician Perspective
5. National CRT Awareness Week
6. Unite4CRT
7. Discussion and Q & A

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## Legislative Update

### Congress

- On recess until after Labor Day – Hearings continuing to occur
- **House** is coming back on Saturday to vote on a bill to provide \$25B for the Postal Service
- **Senate** may return if deal reached on scaled back COVID bill, including funding for postal service

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## Senate “Skinny Plan”

- \$300/wk. additional for state unemployment through end of year
- Liability protections for businesses and health care workers
- PPP revived (application deadline expired Aug 8)
- Convert \$10B loan to postal service into a grant
- \$105B in education funding – 66% to elementary & secondary; 28% to higher education; 5% for Governor’s of each State for education purposes
- \$45B for HHS, states and localities for production and distribution of vaccines, and testing, contact tracing and surveillance

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## HHS Provider Relief

HHS agreed to reopen the application for Medicare and Medicaid providers to access full relief up to 2% of net patient revenue

- Deadline is August 28
- New application and attestation portal
- Providers encouraged to start the process ASAP in order to meet the requirements, including validation of tax id number.
- Reporting requirements modified to extend to those who receive over \$10,000 in aggregate; also requires annual report rather than quarterly

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## Congressional Sign-On Letter

- Medicare CRT Manual WC Accessories- current payment policy suspension expires 6/30/21
- We need CMS to make this change permanent, just like they did in 2017 for CRT Power WCs
- Reps. John Larson (D-CT) and Lee Zeldin (R-NY) are circulating House of Representatives sign-on letter to CMS Administrator Verma (House letter only)

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## Congressional Sign-On (cont'd)

- We need YOU - visit [www.protectmymobility.org](http://www.protectmymobility.org) for documents and email links
  - One pager with letter and how to sign-on
  - One pager with summary of background
- Take 5 minutes and send email to your House member.....follow up in a week for an answer
- Deadline is August 31

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## Power Seat Elevation and Standing

- Seeking Medicare coverage for power seat elevation and power standing systems
- ITEM Coalition workgroups- Clinical; Reimbursement/Technology: Legal; Congressional
- Formal request for “Reconsideration of National Coverage Determination (NCD) for Mobility Assistive Equipment (MAE)” will be submitted to CMS shortly

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## CRT Remote Services Consortium

- Focus includes Telehealth (clinicians) and Other Remote Services (ATPs, repair techs)
- Meetings of cross section of CRT stakeholders have been continuing
- Focus is on two areas: (a) Policies and Advocacy and (b) Practices and Protocols
- Subgroups are doing analysis and developing recommendations

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## Clinician/Supplier/Manuf Survey

- Focus is on use, pros, cons, and needs regarding remote services for provision of CRT
- Two surveys: (a) clinician and (b) supplier/manufacturer
- Results will help in policy development and advocacy
- Will be open and publicized on August 21
- Responses due by August 31

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## State CRT Access

- Various state discussions underway
- Michigan state CRT legislation (SB 855) has been approved by Senate Health Policy Committee; next step is Senate floor vote; details at [www.protectcrt.org](http://www.protectcrt.org)
- Contact Mickae Lee at NCART at [mlee@ncart.us](mailto:mlee@ncart.us) with information or requests for assistance

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## CRT Awareness Week Recap

- August 10-14, 2020
- Dedicated to increasing the understanding of policymakers and others about what CRT is, who uses it, how it's provided, and why access matters
- A time for the CRT Community to advocate together.
- Over 65 organizations and thousands of individuals participated:
  - Consumers, Advocacy Organizations, Suppliers, Manufacturers, Clinicians, Individuals, and more!
- We doubled our numbers from last year!
- 1,000 Emails to Congress

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## CRT Awareness Week (cont'd)

- How Did Everyone Get Involved?
  - Photos on Social Media of CRT
  - Staff Recognition
  - Podcasts Discussing CRT
  - Articles and Blog Posts About CRT Access
  - Videos of CRT Products
  - Personal Stories
  - Webinars for Clinicians and Others
  - Congressional Emails – [www.protectmymobility.org](http://www.protectmymobility.org)

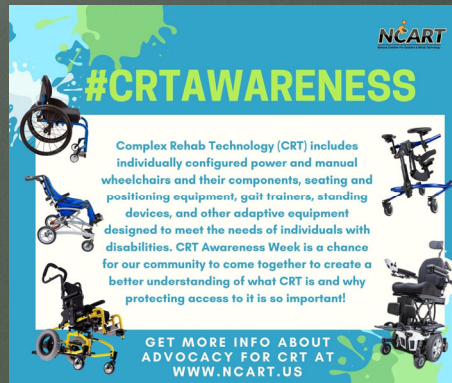
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## CRT Awareness Week (cont'd)

- Get Subscribed to CRT Updates to be ready for next year and other advocacy opportunities at [www.Access2CRT.org](http://www.Access2CRT.org)!



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## Clinician Updates

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### Rolling the ADA Forward: Therapists Improving Access to Mobility Equipment Webinar

**CLINICIAN TASK FORCE**

Who We Are: The only national clinical advocacy group dedicated to Complex Rehab Technology and Seating and Wheeled Mobility service provision.




CTF



Discussion is led by Cathy Carver, PT, ATP/SMS  
Credit: 1 contact hour or .1 IACET CEU\*

Panelists:  
Joseph Nagra, Director of Government Relations for Powers Pyles Sutter & Verville PC  
Erin Michael, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS  
Jenny Lieberman, PhD, OTR/L, ATP  
Maggie Dahlin, PT, DPT, ATP  
Jenny Siegle – NRRTS 2020 Consumer Advocate of the Year



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## Clinician Action Needed

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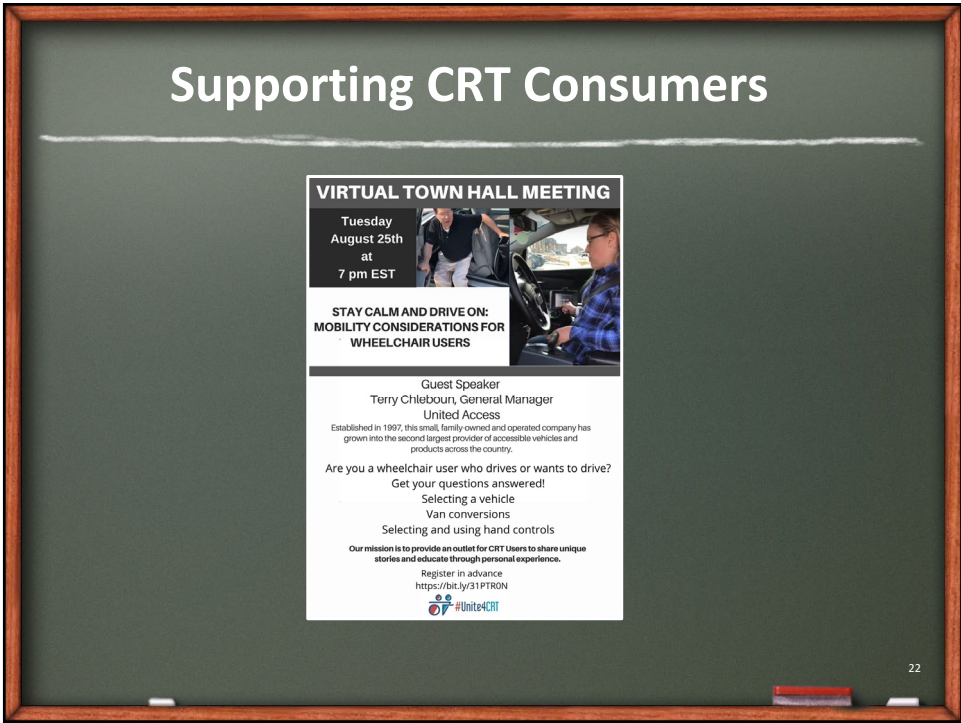
- Medicare reimbursement rates for multiple services, including PT, OT & SLP, are to be reduced by 9% come January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Help us to oppose these cuts by reaching out to your legislators:
  - PTs – APTA Patient Action Center:  
[https://www.apta.org/advocacy/take-action/patient-action-center?vsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f76461%2frespond&\\_zs=RHF3W1&\\_zI=TfE17](https://www.apta.org/advocacy/take-action/patient-action-center?vsrc=%2fcampaigns%2f76461%2frespond&_zs=RHF3W1&_zI=TfE17)
  - OTs – AOTA Engage: <https://cqrcengage.com/aota/home?0>

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## For More Information

[nrts.org/unite4crt](http://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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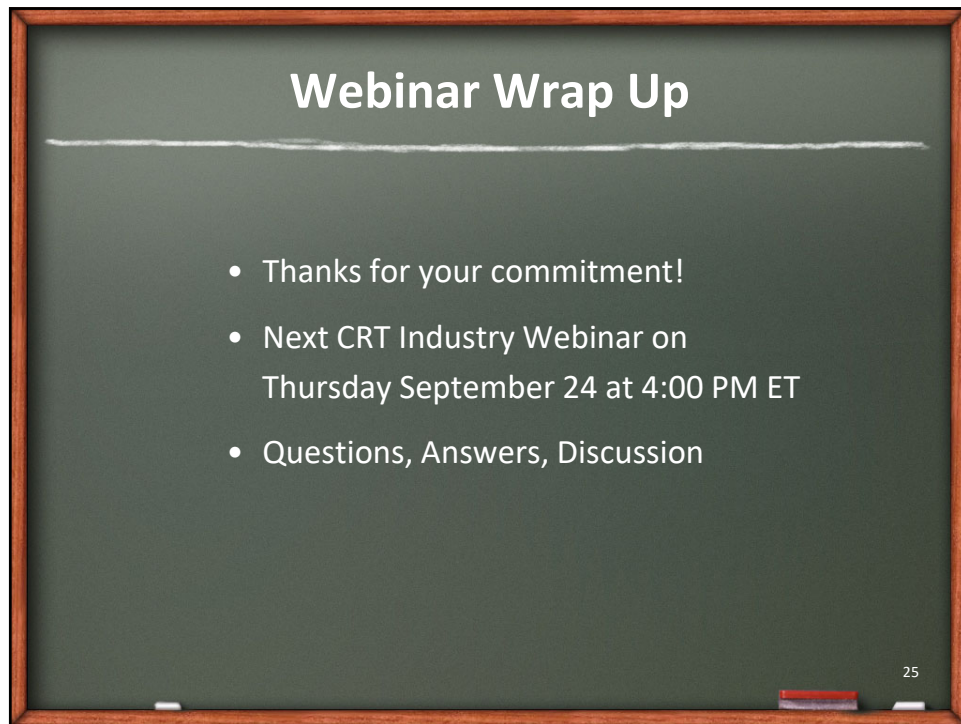
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