



National CRT Congressional Call-In Day

November 14, 2018

We need as many people as possible to call their Congressional Representative on November 14 to urge them to pass **H.R. 3730** before they adjourn so that people with significant disabilities can get the critical wheelchair components (pressure relieving cushions, positioning systems, and other specialized items) they need for their complex rehab manual wheelchairs.

○ Four Simple Points to Share with Your Representative:

- We need Congress to pass **H.R. 3730** before year-end. CMS is inappropriately using Competitive Bidding information for standard wheelchairs to cut Medicare payment rates for complex rehab manual wheelchairs. This is wrong and is reducing access to this equipment which will increase medical complications and costs for people with significant disabilities.
- While CMS fixed this problem for complex rehab POWER wheelchairs in 2017, the problem still exists and is unfairly hurting people with disabilities who use complex rehab MANUAL wheelchairs. There should be equal access and Congress needs to act to fix this inequality.
- **H.R. 3730** will solve this problem and has strong bipartisan support from 119 cosponsors. Additionally, over 50 national disability and medical professional organizations have written Congress in support of its passage.
- **ASK:** I'd like my Representative to talk to Party and Committee leaders to be sure that this ongoing problem is fixed by passing **H.R. 3730** (or other legislative action) before Congress adjourns.

○ Actions to Take:

- Go to www.voicesforaccess.org. Fill out the short form and read the call script. Follow the instructions to be connected to your Congressional Representative and use the call script to deliver the message that **H.R. 3730** must be passed before the end of the year.
- Ask coworkers, friends, and family to make the call. Point them to www.voicesforaccess.org.
- Share the message online:
 - Share on twitter and other social media platforms. Use the hashtag **#VoicesforAccess**.
 - Email photos to mlee@ncart.us after your calls so that we can share your advocacy on social media!

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