

CRT Industry Update

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Hosted by NCART, NRRTS,
U.S. Rehab, Clinician Task Force

Welcome

- Webinar being recorded; video and handout will be available tomorrow morning
- Attendees on mute until open discussion at end of presentation
- Q & A - type questions in during session OR unmute your phone at end
- Previous webinar recordings and handouts at www.ncart.us and www.nrrts.org

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Today's Topics

1. Congressional Update
2. CRT Advocacy and News
3. NRRTS Update
4. Clinician Update
5. CRT Virtual Congressional Fly-In
6. Discussion and Q & A

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Congressional Update

House and Senate on August Recess; Senate returns 9/6; House 9/13.

Congress largely focused on wrapping up Appropriations Bills and likely a Continuing Resolution to keep government operating beyond end of FY 9/30. Then home to campaign for mid-terms.

Lame Duck session expected in November/December to wrap up.

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Congressional Update (cont'd)

CRT Virtual Congressional Fly-In is September 14

Not yet signed up? Register at www.CRTaccess.com

2022 CRT Congressional asks:

1. Support Medicare coverage for power seat elevation & standing.
2. Provide CRT industry relief to address cost increases due to pandemic, supply chain, inflation, and fuel.
3. Make CRT telehealth option permanent.

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CRT Advocacy & News

Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems

- CMS has finally opened “public comment period” regarding Medicare coverage request
- Unfortunately, they are segregating the two technologies-
 - Seeking comments on **power seat elevation systems** now; **comments due by 9/14**
 - Will consider coverage of **power standing systems** at “a later date”

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CRT News (cont'd)

Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems (cont'd)

- Dedicated advocacy website available at www.rise4access.org
- Important to generate as many supportive comments as possible for power seat elevation by 9/14- PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND WEBSITE
- Is it medical equipment? Should Medicare cover?
- The ITEM Coalition and stakeholders are following up with Congressional Champions and CMS to get power standing coverage request moving

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CRT News (cont'd)

Continued Pandemic Challenges for Manufacturers/Providers

- Supply chain issues- backlogs and delays in obtaining products and parts
- Increased raw material and finished product costs
- Increased freight and distribution costs (shipping, gas prices) |
- Labor shortages and increased payroll costs
- CRT systems can consist of many components from different manufacturers; one delayed item can hold everything up
- Unlike typical business, providers cannot raise their prices; they are tied to fixed fee schedules

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CRT News (cont'd)

Permanent Telehealth After Public Health Emergency

- Multiple conversations within Congress
- Legislation passed to extend for 151 days after PHE; more permanency is needed
- Coordinating our work with broader work of APTA, AOTA, and ASHA
- Take action- go to www.protectmymobility.org for info and to email your Members of Congress

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CRT News (cont'd)

CMS Seeks Input on Medicare Advantage Plans

- Search CMS-4203-NC for CMS request
- Looking for information on various aspects of Medicare Advantage program
- Great opportunity to provide feedback on significant problems that need to be fixed
- NCART Workgroup developing comments for submission on CRT access issues
- Comments due 8/31/22

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CRT News (cont'd)

Extension of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

- Broad federal and state implications when Public Health Emergency (PHE) expires
- Major concerns at state level due to end of certain Medicaid waivers and related funding
- Currently extended to 10/15/22
- Varied predictions when declaration will end; likely early 2023
- HHS Secretary Becerra will give stakeholders at least 60 days advance notice

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CRT News (cont'd)

National CRT Awareness Week

- CRT Awareness Week (8/15 to 8/19) was a success!
- CRT Community united to collectively share and promote the CRT message
- Over 100 organizations and hundreds of individuals participated
- Videos, podcasts, pictures, blogs, articles, and more
- BIG THANKS to all organizations and individuals!
- Keep the momentum going year-round and looking forward to next summer!

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NRRTS 30 Year Anniversary Cake



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DIRECTIONS V4



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DIRECTIONS CEU Article

CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE - CEU ARTICLE

**Seeking A Balance To Provide Both Client-centered Care
And Efficient Service Delivery**

<https://b.link/V422CP>


This article is approved by NRRTS, as an accredited provider, for .1 CEU. Please read the article on-line in DIRECTIONS Magazine and follow the instructions to get your CEU Certificate.



Jean Minkel

"You do not rise to the level of your goals. You fall to the level of your systems."

James Clear,
Author of *Atomic Habits*



Michelle Lange

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NOTES FROM THE FIELD

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LONG HOURS AND BIG SMILES



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A SUPPLIER'S PERSPECTIVE

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Rehab Solutions Available
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Webinar – Tuesday, SEP 13



Live Webinar Tuesday, Sep 13, 7PM ET
https://b.link/CH_LWeb

**Technology and
Reimbursement:**

**How Can We
Make Them
Work Together?**

Claudia Amortegui, MBA

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Webinar – Wednesday, Oct 19

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Tina Roesler,
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The Pelvic-Spine Connection: The Key to Positioning and Function

Wednesday, Oct 19, 11AM ET https://b.link/CH_LWeb

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Clinician Task Force

- Power Seat Elevation public comments
 - Please write a comment!
 - Share information to your circle from our Facebook or Instagram pages
- Current active policy processes:
 - Power Seat Elevation & Standing systems
 - Power Assist
 - Currently starting scoping review

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Clinician Task Force (cont'd)

- Joint RESNA position paper on Supported Standing
 - Literature review is done
 - Draft being completed
 - Will be out for public comment this fall
- Coming this fall:
 - Do your part – pledge!
 - Continued advocacy virtually and in-person
- www.cliniciantaskforce.org

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Virtual CRT Congressional Fly-In

- Wednesday September 14 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET
- Annual event that keeps Congress tuned in to CRT needs
- No registration fee
- Your participation is critical, help spread the word
- Visit www.CRTaccess.com for details and to sign up



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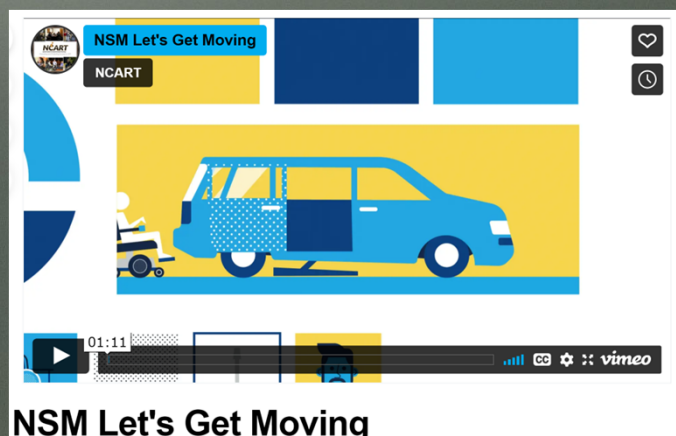
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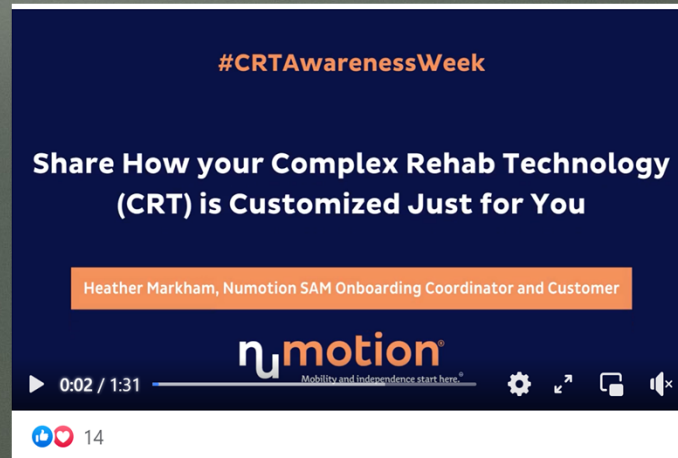
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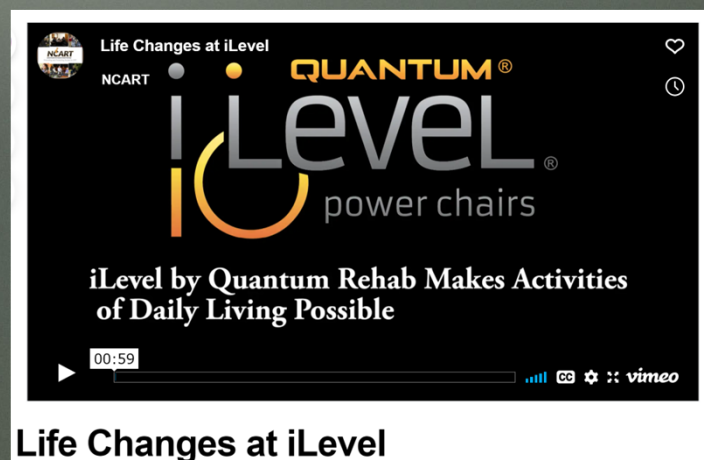
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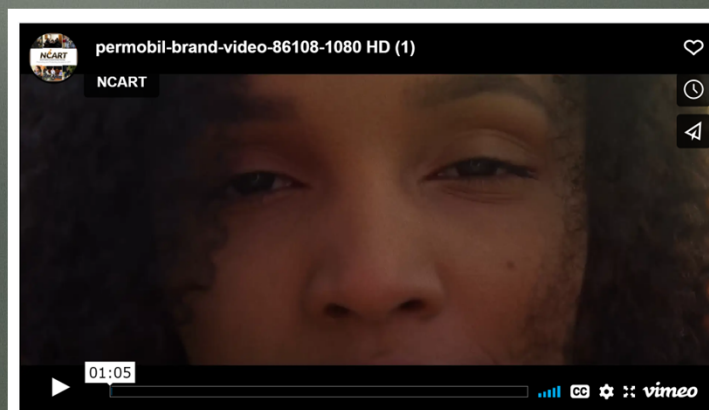
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Sign Up Today

- We need CRT stakeholder attendees.
- No charge for participating!
- You will be prepped in advance and paired with others from your state.
- **All details and sign up at www.crtaccess.com.**
- Help spread the word.
- **Sign up deadline is 9/7 so we have time to set up your appointments.**

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Webinar Wrap Up

- Thanks for your commitment to CRT access
- Tomorrow's email with handout/recording
- Let us know of suggested webinar topics

Next CRT Industry Webinar
Thursday October 27 at 4:00 PM ET

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