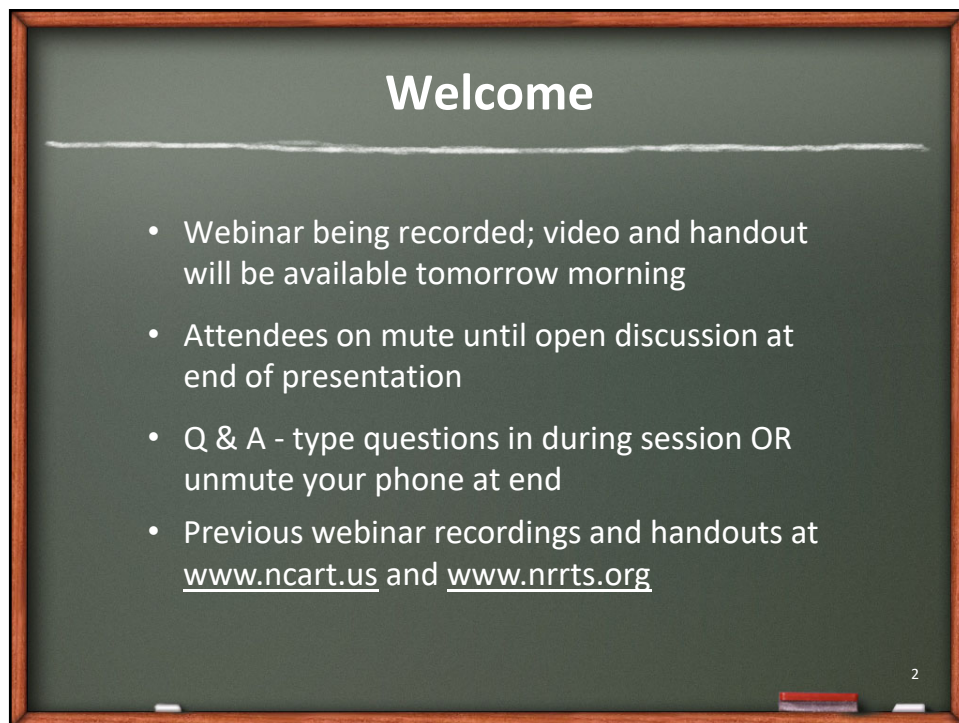




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Today's Topics

1. Washington, DC Update
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3. Telehealth Guidance for CRT
4. COVID-19 Vaccinations
5. New COVID-19 Business Assistance
6. Other Webinars
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Congressional Update

House in session earlier this week to vote on an article of impeachment of President Trump for his role in inciting violent protests at Capitol last week.

Senate not in session until January 19.

Balance of Power:

House: 222 Democrats to 211 Republicans

Senate: 50/50 split; tie votes go to Vice President

- Plan to share power remains unclear; last time chamber split in 2001 Sens. Daschle & Lott agreed to split committee chairs.

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Outlook for Early 2021

- Congress looking to vote on another COVID economic stimulus package to provide another \$1,400 to individuals and more relief to State and localities.
- Biden Administration nomination hearings and appointments.
 - Nomination hearings to begin next week.
 - HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra not yet scheduled.
 - Still awaiting nomination for CMS Administrator and appointment of other health policy staff.

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CRT Advocacy and News

Check out NCART News at <https://conta.cc/37UrJfQ>
and sign up for CRT Alerts at www.ncart.us

Submitted Comments on DMEPOS Proposed Rule

- Important proposed rule impacting DME/CRT coding, coverage, and payment
- Opportunities for improved processes and transparency; included CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessories policy
- NCART 22-page letter at <https://bit.ly/3qqr9Nj>

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

July 1, 2021 Medicare CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessory payment cuts

- Supplied legal analysis and recommended decision pathway as part of submitted DMEPOS Proposed Rule comments
- Following up with CMS team on pathway and needed action
- Pushing for decision for permanent policy soon; current suspension ends June 30

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems

- Collective ITEM Coalition workgroup continues to pursue coverage
- CMS is reviewing submitted request; two parts-Benefit Category Determination and NCD modification
- ITEM staying in touch with CMS review team; looks forward to responding to questions and supplying any needed additional information

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

Permanent option for CRT remote services and telehealth after the Public Health Emergency

- Public Health Emergency extended to late April
- CRT Remote Services Consortium continues work
- Congress will be reintroducing telehealth legislation soon; important next step; use www.protectmymobility.org to send your email
- NCART and CRT Consortium sent comments to Congress with CRT request; follow up in process; copy of letter at <https://bit.ly/2XlbSLf>

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Telehealth Guidance for CRT

- Final decision tree and clinical paper coming soon!
 - CRT or in-person services decision tree
 - Clinical guidance for the therapeutic process
 - Recommendations for documentation
 - Brief evidence review
 - Case examples
- Distribution

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COVID-19 Vaccine Requests

- Requests Made to Federal Agencies and All States to Include DMEPOS/CRT Supplier Staff in Phase 1a of Vaccine Distribution
- Range of Responses from States
- Tracking Sheet Developed and Being Updated
- Follow Up at the Local Level is Key
 - Template Letter and Contact Information is Available
- For More Information, Email Mlee@ncart.us

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New COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Details

- Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program
- Both of which are administered through the Small Business Administration (SBA)
- This newest round of legislation puts an additional \$284B back into the program, and small businesses will once again be able to apply for these loans

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New COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program (cont'd)

Below is a quick breakdown of some of the set-asides within the \$284B pool of money that is available in total:

- \$15B is being set aside for loans made by community financial institutions
- \$15B is designated for loans made by insured depository institutions, credit unions, or institutions of the Farm Credit System with less than \$10B in assets

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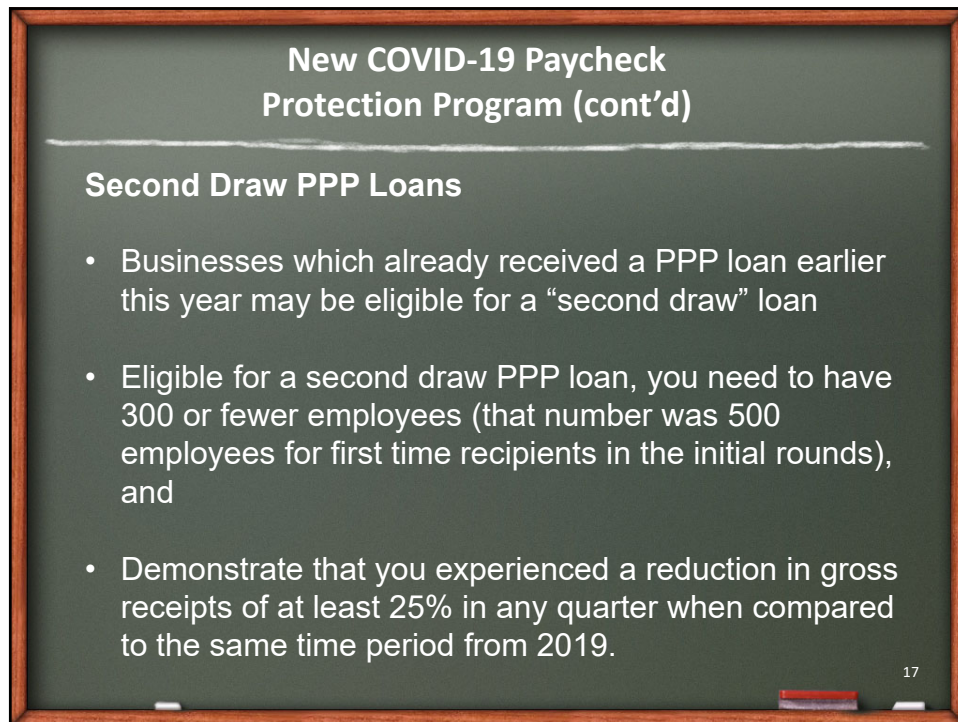
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New COVID-19 Paycheck Protection Program (cont'd)

- \$40B for eligible recipients that are receiving less than \$250,000 and:
 - Have 10 or fewer employees; or
 - Are located in a neighborhood that is a low-income neighborhood or a moderate-income neighborhood
 - Of the total \$40B available here, \$25B will be designated for second draw loans only
- At least \$35B is specifically set aside for loans to eligible recipients that have not previously received a loan (first time applicants)

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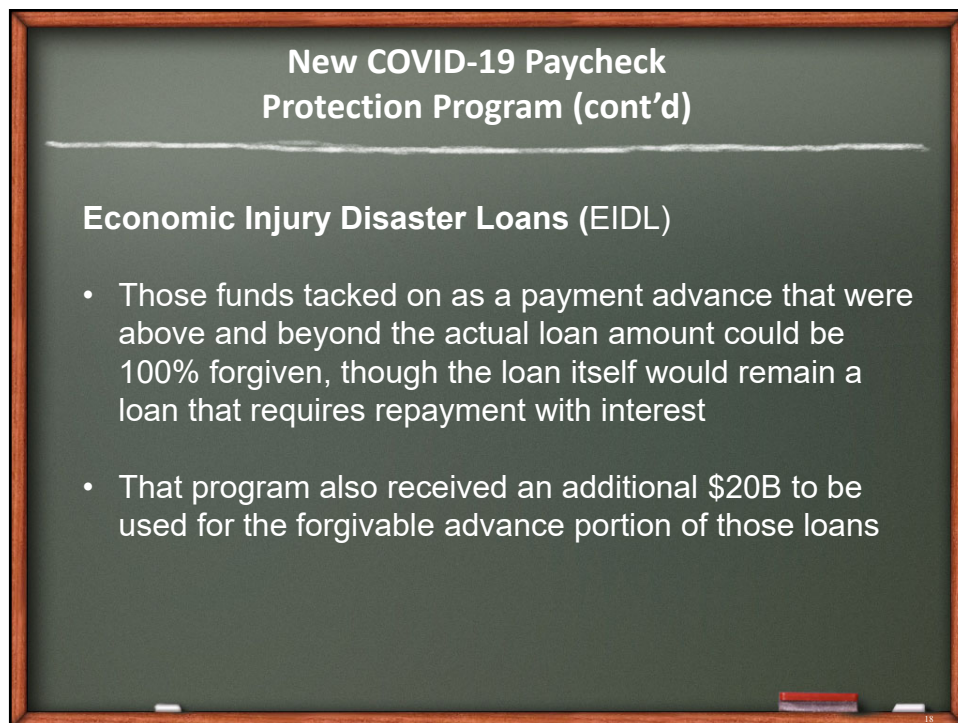
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Second Draw PPP Loans

- Businesses which already received a PPP loan earlier this year may be eligible for a “second draw” loan
- Eligible for a second draw PPP loan, you need to have 300 or fewer employees (that number was 500 employees for first time recipients in the initial rounds), and
- Demonstrate that you experienced a reduction in gross receipts of at least 25% in any quarter when compared to the same time period from 2019.

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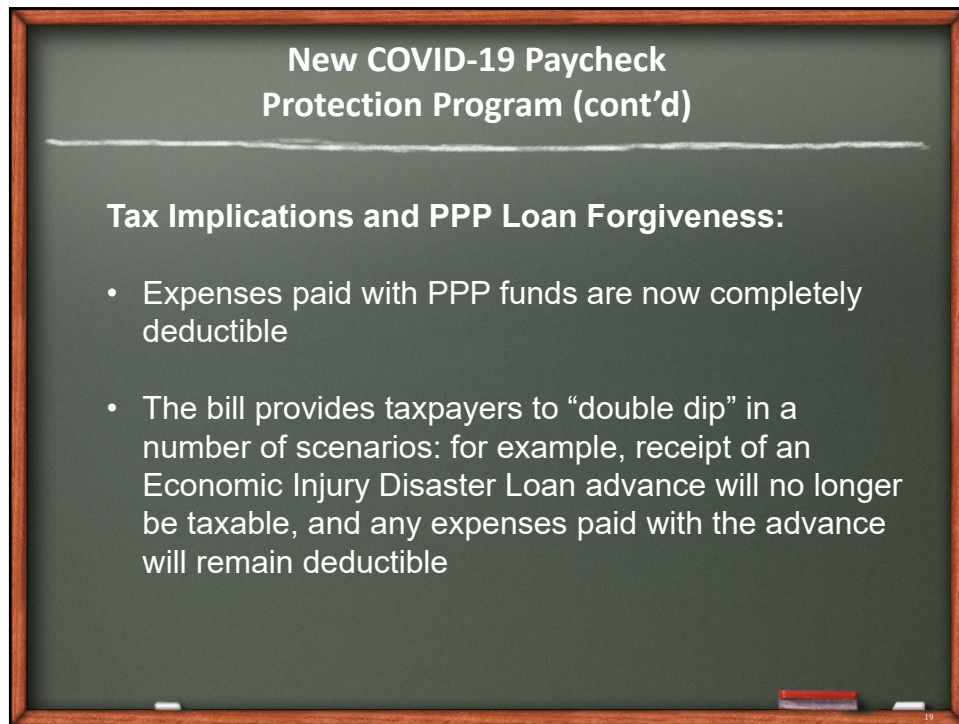
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Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

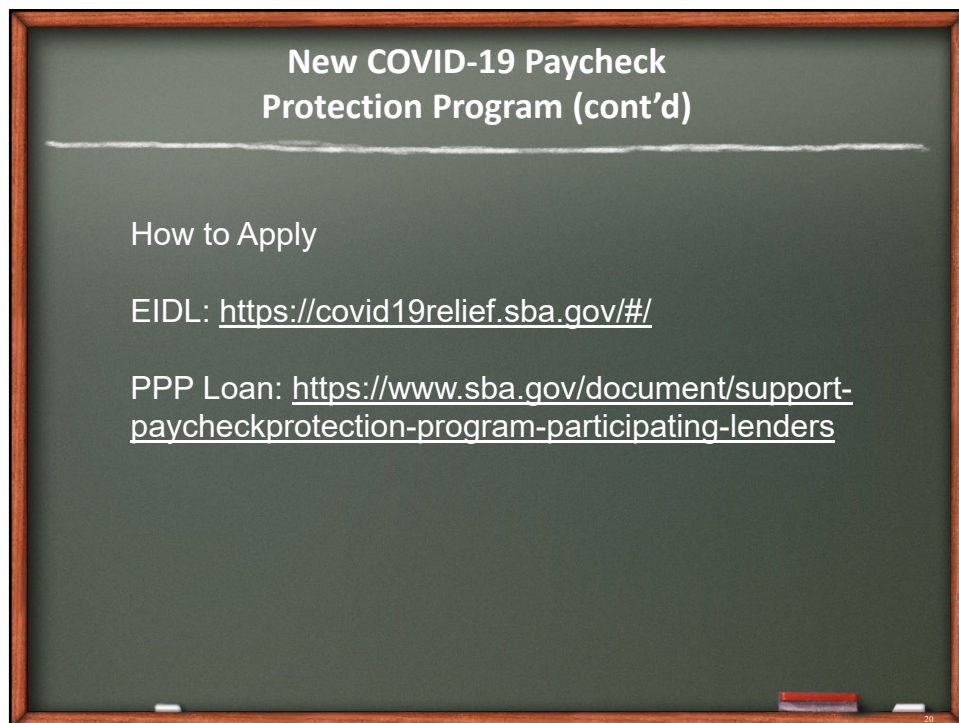
- Those funds tacked on as a payment advance that were above and beyond the actual loan amount could be 100% forgiven, though the loan itself would remain a loan that requires repayment with interest
- That program also received an additional \$20B to be used for the forgivable advance portion of those loans

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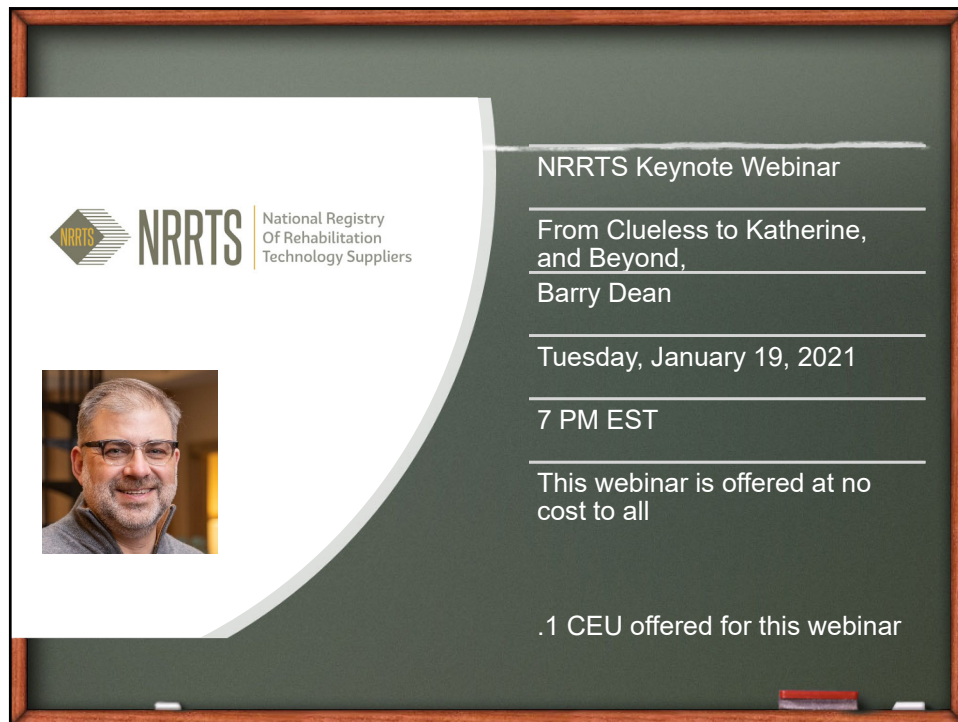
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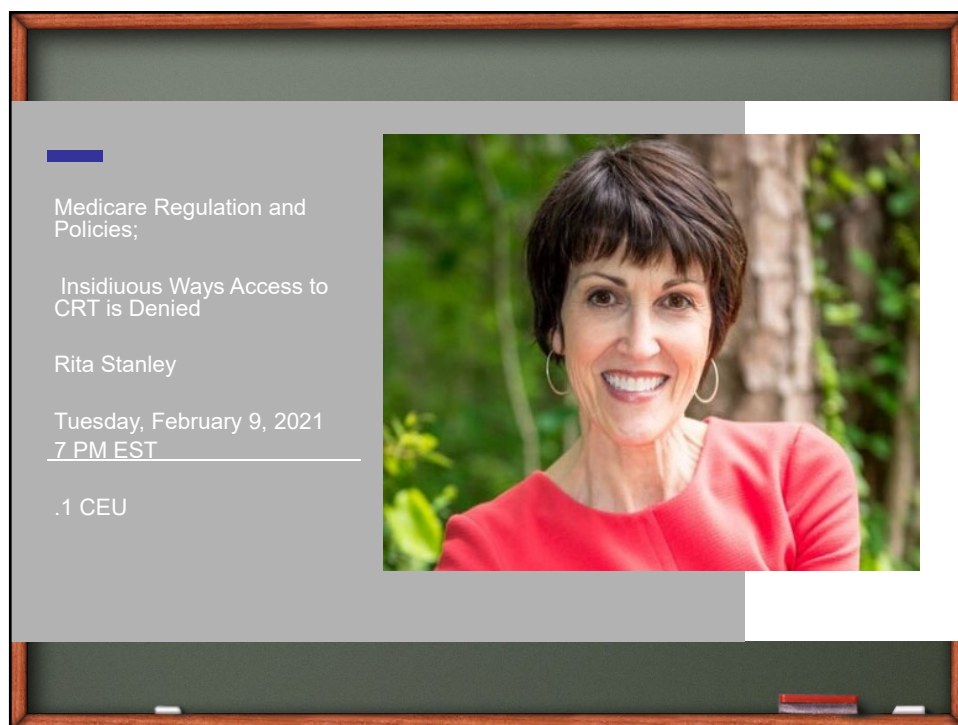
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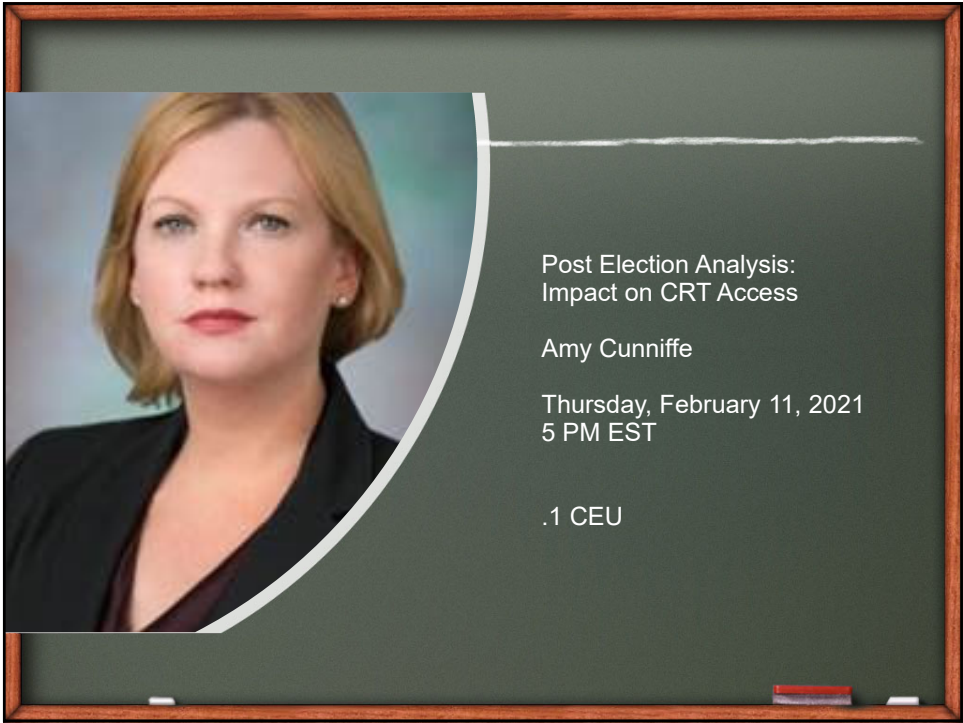
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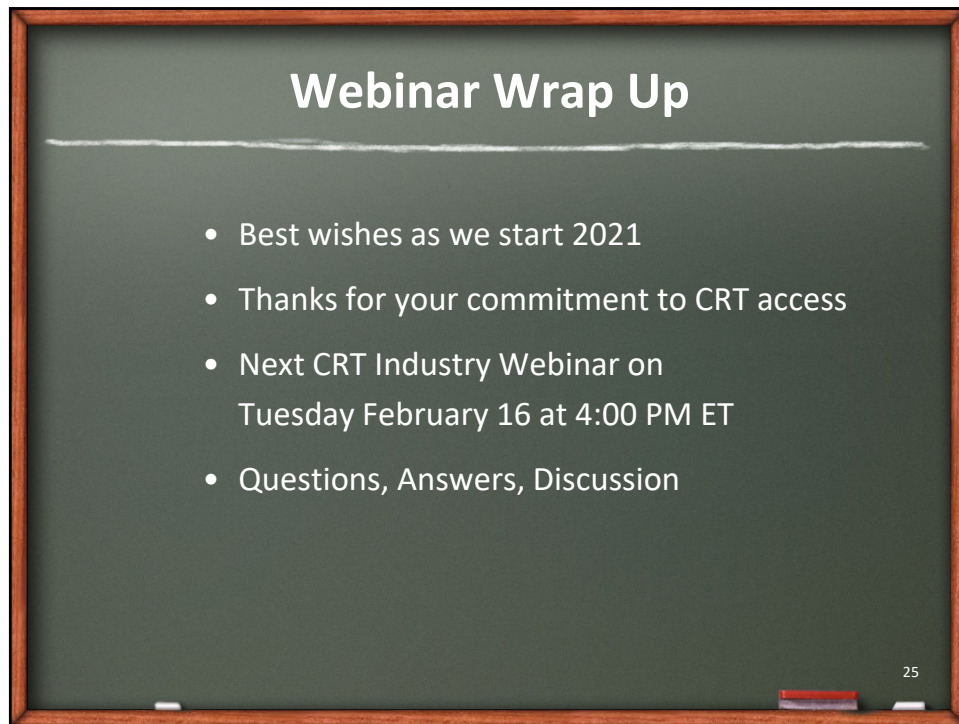


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