



## **CRT Industry Update**

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**Hosted By NCART, NRRTS,  
U.S. Rehab, Clinician Task Force**

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## **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](http://www.ncart.us) and [www.nrsts.org](http://www.nrsts.org)

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## Today's Topics

1. Washington, DC Update
2. CRT Advocacy and News
3. Clinician Update
4. DME/CRT and “American Rescue Plan Act”
5. CRT Supplier Certificate Program
6. Discussion and Q & A

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## Congressional Update

**House & Senate:** In session this week and next.

House Senate Passed “American Rescue Plan” stimulus bill; President Biden signed in to law.

Bill highlights:

- Does not extend 2% sequestration beyond April due to reconciliation process.
- \$8.5B in rural relief for providers
- \$350B for states and local governments
- \$1,400 stimulus checks to certain individuals
- \$62B for vaccine distribution and contact tracing

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## Biden Administration

Biden Administration nomination hearings and appointments continuing.

- HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra likely to be confirmed this week
- Still waiting for official nomination of CMS Administrator; likely Chiquita Brooks-LaSure.
- Andres Gallegos – appointed Chair of NCD
- Kimberly Knackstedt – appointed Disability Policy Director at White House

Still awaiting other key appointments/nominations.

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## CRT Advocacy and News



- Stay informed...
- Check out the February NCART News at <https://conta.cc/3qUE6zs>
- Sign up for CRT Alerts at [www.ncart.us](http://www.ncart.us)

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## CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

### July 1, 2021 Medicare CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessory payment cuts

- Need CMS to make permanent policy change in advance of June 30
- Discussions have been held up due to lack of approval of HHS Secretary and CMS Administrator
- Our Congressional champions are aware of urgency and will be making outreach as soon as new officials are in place

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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
- Next meeting with CMS officials is March 25
- Expectation is CMS will be public announcing “reconsideration” of NCD and seeking comments from the public
- Industry workgroup is working on related coding and payment rate information

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## CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

### Permanent telehealth option after the Public Health Emergency

- Public Health Emergency likely to stay to year-end
- House Energy & Commerce Committee held 4-hour telehealth hearing with testimony
- Congress has begun re-introducing telehealth bills; our focus remains on PT/OT inclusion
- CRT stakeholders- use [www.protectmymobility.org](http://www.protectmymobility.org) to email your Members of Congress

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## Clinician Task Force

- Current CTF priorities
  - Priority on comprehensive approach to policy
  - CTF White Papers
  - Scoping Review on Supported Standing
- NCD reconsideration request
  - 2 manuscripts: Policy Analysis on Power Standing Systems, Policy Analysis on Power Seat Elevation Systems

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## Clinician Task Force (cont'd)

- Membership – 14 states
  - Alaska, Delaware, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming
  - Find out more info and join at:  
[www.cliniciantaskforce.us](http://www.cliniciantaskforce.us)
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## Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

- Application deadline remains March 31, 2021
- 1<sup>st</sup> Draw and 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw loans still available
- Latest legislation (Rescue Bill) additions:
  - \$7.5B in additional funds added to the program
    - PPP now exceeds \$813B since inception
  - Digital/Internet publishers (519130 NAICS code)
  - Non-profits now eligible
    - lobbying must account for less than 15% of revenue and total less than \$1M

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Draw PPP Loan Eligibility**

- Must have fewer than 300 employees
- Must use 100% of 1<sup>st</sup> draw loan for approved expenses
- Must show at least 25% reduction in revenue for any quarter when compared to same quarter 2019

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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Draw PPP Forgivable Expenses**

- Payroll costs, including benefits
- Mortgage interest
- Rent
- Utilities
- Worker protection costs related to COVID-19
- Uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020
- Supplier costs and expenses for operations

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## EIDL Advance

- **Up to \$10,000** available to applicants located in low-income communities who previously received an EIDL Advance less than \$10,000, or received no funds due to lack of available program funding.
- **Applicants do not need to take any action at this time**
- **SBA will reach out to those who qualify:**
  - Located in a low-income community
  - Can demonstrate 30%+ reduction in revenue during an 8-week period beginning on March 2, 2020
  - 300 or fewer employees

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## Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)

- \$15B available until expended
- \$10B that have not received the full amount they were entitled to
- \$5B for
  - businesses with less than 10 employees
  - Can show 50% economic loss
  - Maximum of \$5,000 per business

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## Medicare Sequestration (2%)

- The CARES Act suspended the 2% sequestration on Medicare claims from May 1 through December 31.
- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 extended the suspension period to March 31, 2021.
- The latest Rescue bill did not address sequestration
- Other stand-alone bills drafted that would extend the suspension of sequestration through Dec 31, 2021 (HR1858) or through the end of the PHE (HR315)

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## Misc. Provisions

- Nothing added to the HHS PRF
- \$14B for vaccine distribution
- \$48B for contact tracing
- ACA premiums reduced from 10% to 8.5% of income
  - Premiums covered at 100% for low income and those collecting unemployment
  - COBRA premiums paid at 100%
- Incentives for states to expand Medicaid eligibility
  - 5% increase in federal match for 2 years
- 4% Medicare cut in 2022 (due to increase in 2021)

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<b>CRT Supplier Certificate Program Features</b>					
<b>14 Interactive On-Line Self- Paced Modules</b>			<b>IACET CEUs Awarded for Each Module</b>		
<b>Designed Specifically for CRT Suppliers</b>			<b>Assessment and Certificate Managed by NRRTS</b>		
<b>Comprehensive Content Developed by Experts in the Field of CRT</b>			<b>Upon Completion the Program will be Accredited</b>		

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<b>CRT Supplier Certificate Program Primary Benefits</b>					
<b>Improved RTS Performance</b>					
<b>Improved Client Outcomes</b>					
<b>Accelerated RTS Development</b>					

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<b>Excellence Benefits Everyone</b>	
<b>Greater RTS Immersion, Heightened Passion</b>	<b>More Successful RTS Recruitment</b>
<b>Better, More Consistent Outcomes</b>	<b>Improved Customer Relations</b>
<b>Increased RTS Satisfaction</b>	<b>Reduced Errors &amp; Returns</b>
<b>Higher-Quality Deliveries</b>	<b>Greater RTS Retention</b>
<b>Increased Productivity</b>	<b>Smother Order Flow</b>
<b>Improved Client and Therapist Interactions &amp; Satisfaction</b>	<b>Faster New RTS Development</b>
<b>Reduced Potential for Harm</b>	<b>More Appropriate Product Selection</b>

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<b>WE NEED YOUR HELP</b>	
<b>Total Program Development Cost</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>
<b>Spent To Date</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Funds Needed for Completion</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Use of Funds</b>	<b>Production of Remaining 13 Modules</b>
<b>Target Completion Date</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
<b>What Can We Do?</b>	<b>Pledge Funds</b>
<b>What Do We Get For Our Pledge?</b>	<b>\$1,200 – 1 Seat*, \$5,000 – 5 Seats* or Access to Course 1 for any combination of up to 20 RTSs &amp; Staff Members</b> <small>* Each seat represents all 14 courses</small>
<b>How Do We Pledge?</b>	<b>Visit NRRTS.ORG Contact Weesie Walker, Executive Director</b>

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**Discover What NRRTS Can Do For You**



**CRT Supplier Certificate Program**

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**Webinar Wrap Up**

- Thanks for your commitment to CRT access
- Next CRT Industry Webinar will be on  
Tuesday April 20 at 4:00 PM ET

Happy  
St. Patrick's Day  
to Everyone!



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