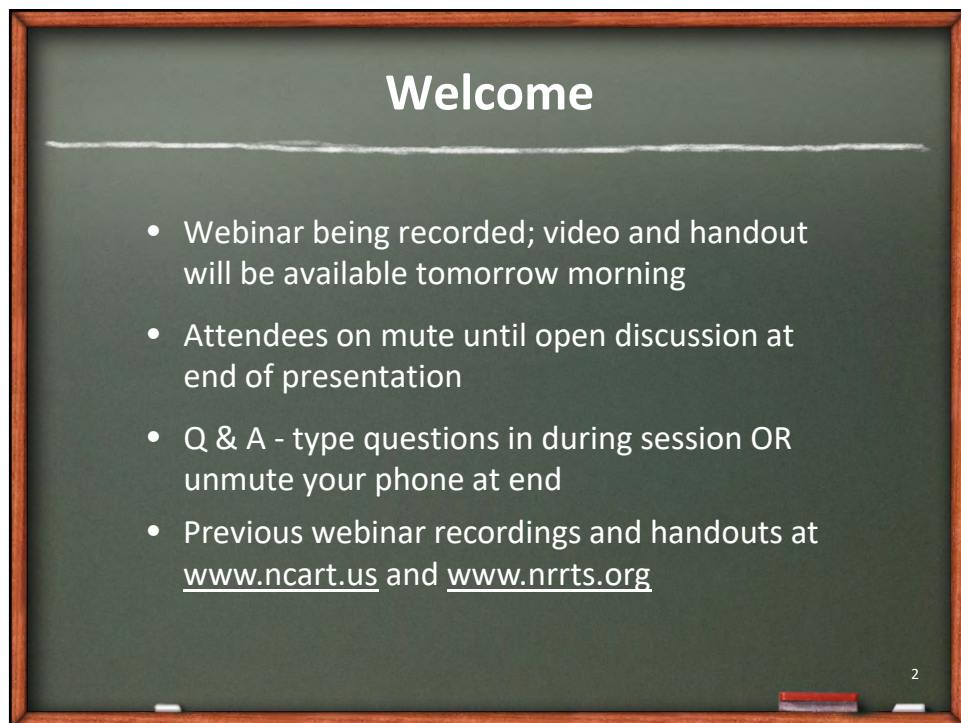




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Today's Topics

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4. Clinician Update
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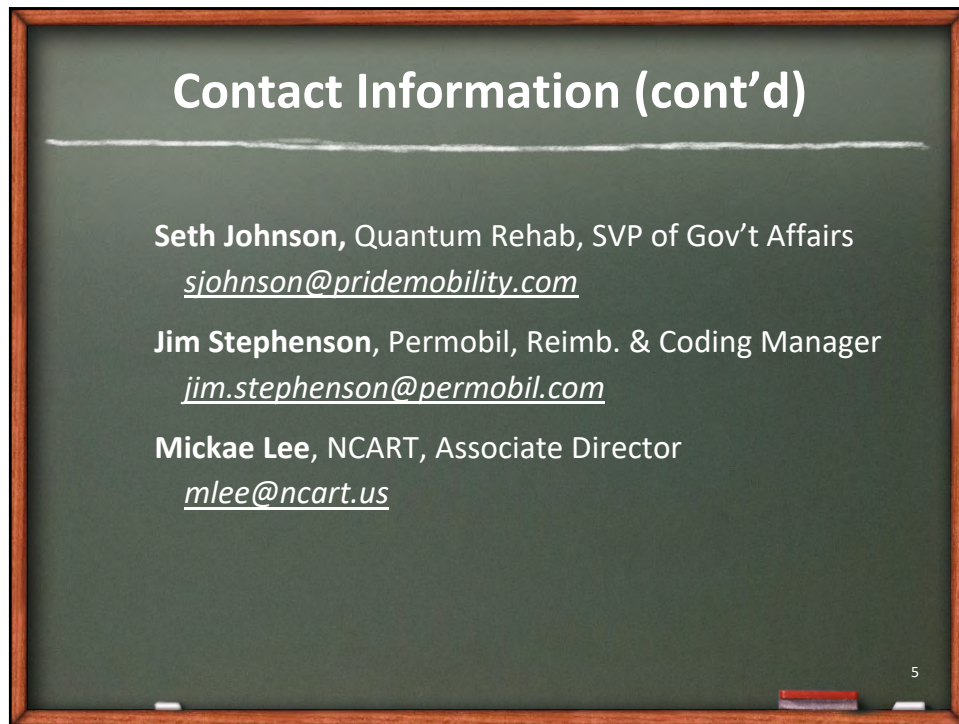
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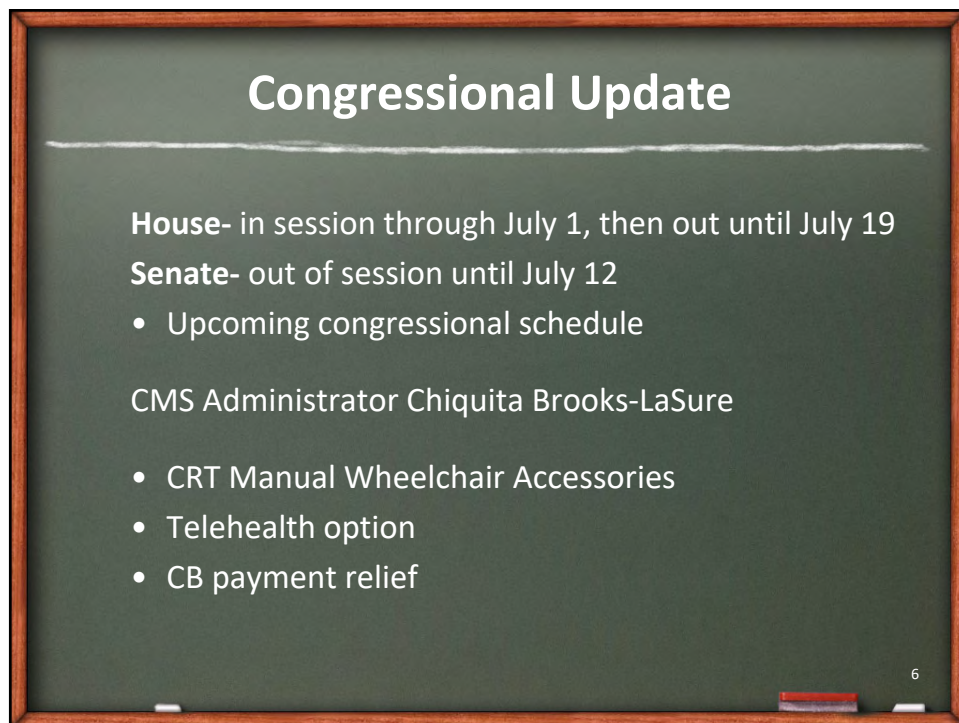
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CRT Advocacy and News

CMS Delays July 1, 2021 Medicare CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessories Payment Cuts

- Great news! Thanks to collective CRT advocacy, suspension of applying Comp Bid Pricing to reduce payment rates is extended to September 30
- This will allow CMS time to further review and make a PERMANENT policy decision, like it did for CRT power wheelchairs
- Given delays in seating HHS/CMS leadership, this was best interim option available; THANK YOU CMS!

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CRT Advocacy and News

CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessories (cont'd)

- Multiple meetings and communications since last September with CMS/Congress
- June 21 bipartisan Congressional letter to CMS Administrator Brooks-LaSure; led by Rep. John Larson (D-CT); 19 signers- Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) and 18 Representatives
- Big thanks to Reps. Larson and Lee Zeldin (R-NY) and to Sens. Casey and Rob Portman (R-OH) for their continued leadership; and thanks to their colleagues

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CRT Advocacy and News

CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessories (cont'd)

- THANK YOU to all the individuals and organizations from the disability, clinician, provider, and manufacturer communities and to others who worked to make this happen; collective CRT advocacy gets results
- We have met with CMS and will continue to communicate with them and Congress over the next 60 days to ensure this suspension is made permanent before September 30

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems

- Coordination with the ITEM Coalition continues
- Still waiting for CMS to announce opening of the NCD "reconsideration" for public comments
- Important to solicit supportive comments; educational website will be available to facilitate submissions to CMS
- Industry workgroup continuing to meet on developing coding and payment rate information

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

Permanent Telehealth After Public Health Emergency

- Coordinating advocacy with APTA, AOTA, and ASHA
- Our primary bill- "Expanded Telehealth Access Act" HR-2168; Reps. Mikie Sherill (D-NJ) and David McKinley (R-WV); specifies PTs, OTs, SLPs
- Senate companion bill is being pursued
- Use www.protectmymobility.org to email your Members to cosponsor and ensure language included in any legislation passed

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

Permanent Telehealth (cont'd)

- CRT Telehealth Consortium- CRT telehealth survey and examples developed by Clinician Task Force
- Congressional activity continues; additional smaller telehealth bills are being introduced
- Expectation is Congress will pass telehealth legislation later this year, in advance of the expiration of the Public Health Emergency

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Upcoming Industry Events

- RESNA Annual Conference (Virtual)- July 7-9
- Abilities Expos (In-Person)- Houston: Aug 6-8; Phoenix: Sept 10-12; New York: Oct 1-3
- VGM Heartland Conference- In-Person; Waterloo, IA; September 13-15
- NCART/NRRTS CRT Congressional Virtual Visits- Virtual; September 21
- International Seating Symposium- Virtual and In-Person; Pittsburg, PA; October 28-30

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Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicaid MCOs

- Two major government health care programs Medicare and Medicaid are being outsourced to private for-profit insurance companies
- Supposed to safeguard health care for seniors, low-income adults, children and people with disabilities
- Misleading ads of benefits then don't pay providers timely or accurately

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Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicaid MCOs (cont'd)

- If there is a contract offered to be in-network for one of these insurances, review it thoroughly and make sure the coverage criteria, rates and payment processing are acceptable
- Ask to see details in writing, don't accept verbal
- If you don't have a contract and a customer comes to you for equipment, verify these details before accepting the customer

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Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicaid MCOs (cont'd)

- UHC - Power wheelchair upgraded electronics being denied
- **Humana** – System edit change about two months ago denying complex rehab power claims submitted as a purchase
- Believe this is due to them adding back in the KH modifier on capped rental purchase items
- Resubmit claims with KH

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Clinician Task Force

- Telehealth in CRT: Recruiting examples survey
 - Have received 37 responses
 - Extracted and compiled 11 examples for AOTA/APTA to use for advocacy
 - Survey will remain open to continue gathering examples that will be used for future advocacy
- Watch out for CTF members at RESNA:
 - Ginny Paleg
 - Michelle Lange and Jean Minkel
 - Nicole LaBerge, Ashley Detterbeck, and Cara Masselink

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Clinician Task Force

- Evidence-based Response to Insurance Denials of Standing Devices
 - Collaboration with NCART
 - 14-page document describing:
 - Evidence that supports standing devices
 - Medical impact of standing on the health care system
 - Clinical considerations and coverage
 - Look for distribution by the CTF and NCART in 1-2 weeks

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Make Your Voice Heard: Advocating for Yourself and Others



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Special
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Mickae Lee
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July Webinars

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Kara Kopplin, BSc Eng
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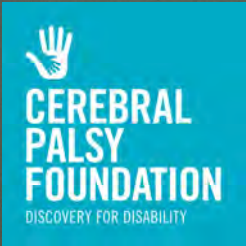
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Cerebral Palsy Foundation

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Catalyst for creating positive change
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CPF Program Area Overview

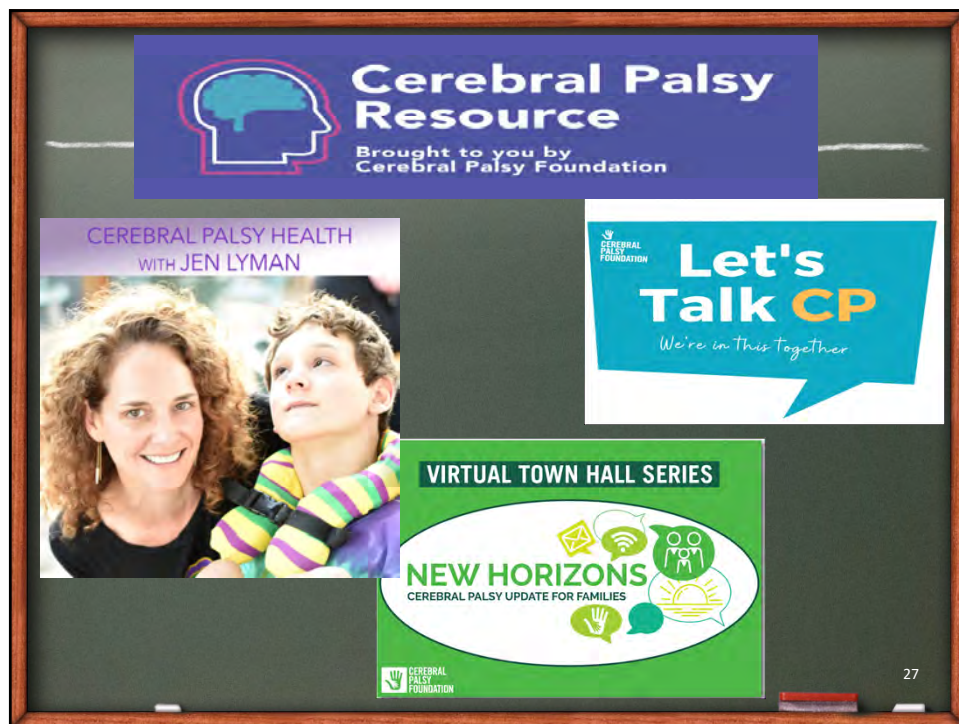
- Health – Early Detection Network, EDI Conference, Research partnerships, UNESCO EI training. <https://cpearlydetection.org/>
- Education – JUST SAY HI – k-12 Inclusive Education Curriculum currently implemented in partnership with NYC schools, soon to be piloted in Chicago area schools, and virtual curriculum as well.
- Advocacy – National Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day (March 25), Cerebral Palsy NIH/CDC Appropriations Language
- Digital/Media – CP Resource, Evolve 21 and CPTV app

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Cerebral Palsy Resource website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: HOME, ABOUT CP RESOURCE, TOPICS, VIDEOS & PODCASTS, and EXPLORE. A search icon and a DONATE button are also present. Below the navigation bar, a large heading reads "Welcome to the NEW Cerebral Palsy Resource". Underneath this, a subheading states: "WE'RE LEADING RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND COLLABORATION CHANGING LIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH CEREBRAL PALSY - TODAY." A paragraph follows, explaining that the resource is designed with the user in mind to help with decisions and choices. A "LEARN MORE" button is located below this text. To the left of the main text is a circular diagram with five icons representing different aspects of cerebral palsy: a person, a brain, a key, a group of people, and a person with a cane. Below the main content area, there is a section titled "Explore Topics" which features a grid of ten topic cards. Each card has an icon and a title: "CEREBRAL PALSY FACTS" (brain icon), "RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS 'NEW'" (person icon), "ACTIVITY AND MOVEMENT" (person running icon), "EARLY INTERVENTION" (person with toys icon), "SLEEP AND PAIN" (person sleeping icon), "TREATMENT OPTIONS" (person in hospital bed icon), "EARLY DIAGNOSIS" (person with ultrasound icon), "ARM AND HAND FUNCTION" (hand icon), "GROWTH AND NUTRITION" (person with scale icon), and "SCHOOL & EDUCATION" (person with wheelchair icon).

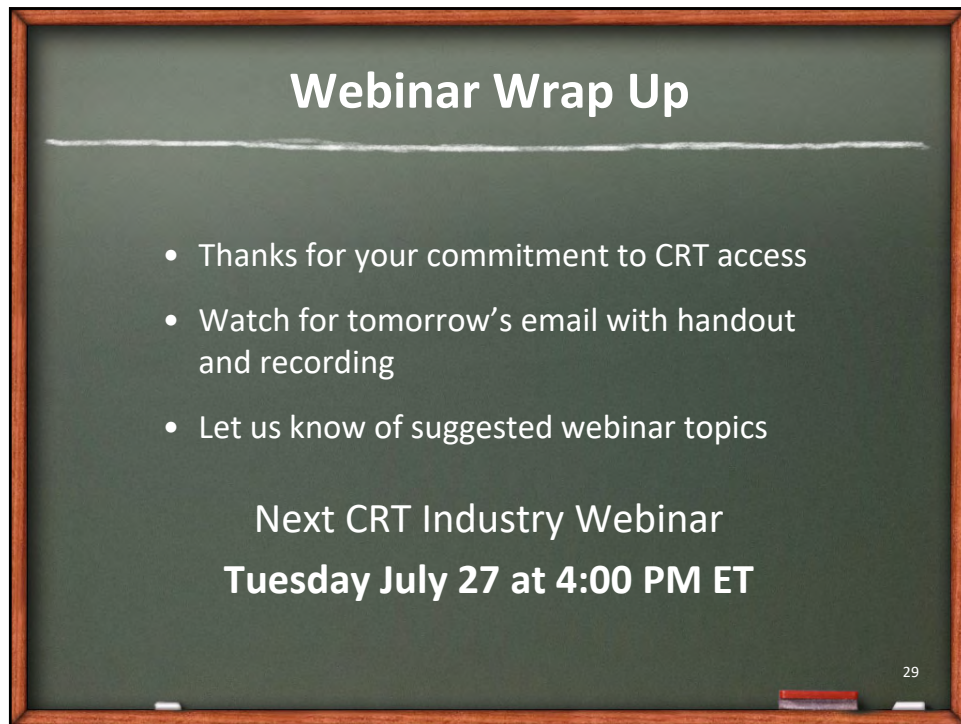
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