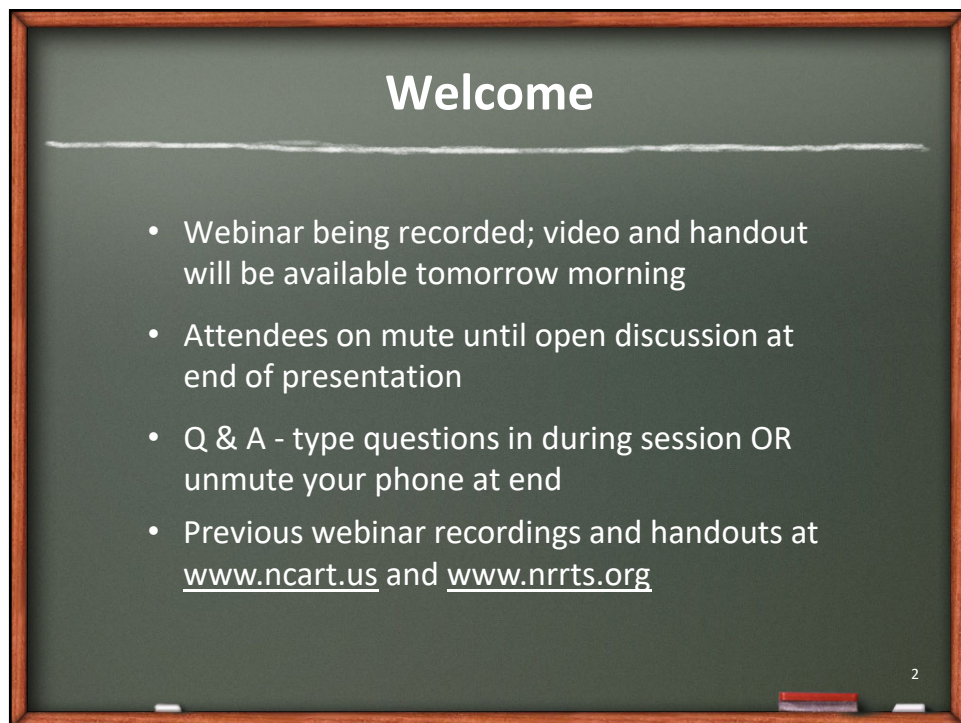




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Today's Topics

1. Washington, DC Update
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3. Clinician Update
4. NRRTS
5. Spina Bifida Association
6. RESNA Conference
7. Discussion and Q & A

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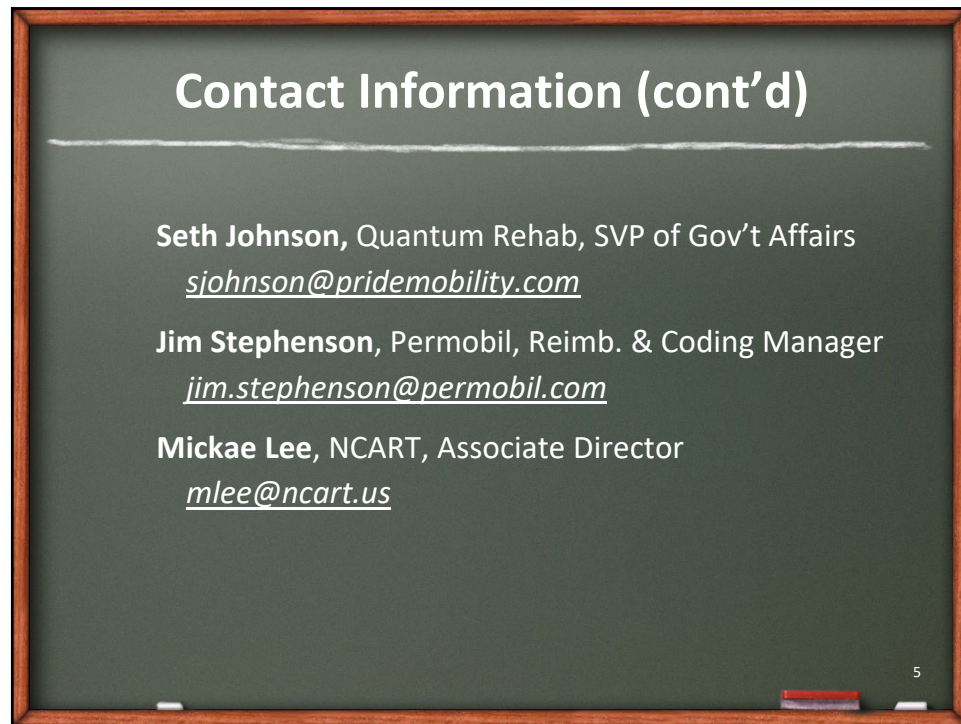
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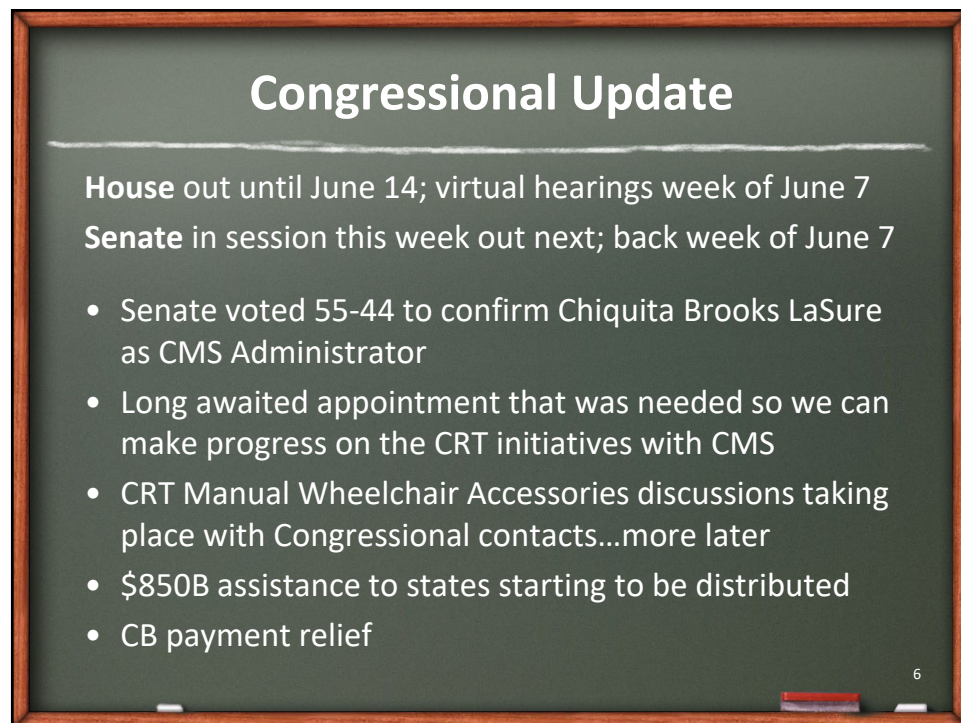
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CRT Advocacy and News

July 1, 2021 Medicare CRT Manual Wheelchair Accessory Payment Cuts

- Top Priority- need CMS to make permanent policy change before June 30
- Congressional champions have reached out to HHS Secretary Becerra on need for action
- CMS Administrator Brooks LaSure just confirmed, she will be contacted
- Administration for Community Living talked with CMS; ITEM Coalition consumer organization sent letter to CMS

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CRT Advocacy and News (cont'd)

Medicare Coverage of Power Seat Elevation and Power Standing Systems

- Waiting for CMS to officially announce they are opening "reconsideration" of NCD; will be seeking comments from the public
- Important to solicit high number of supportive comments; website being developed 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

- Our focus- “Expanded Telehealth Access Act” HR-2168; Reps. Mikie Sherill (D-NJ) and David McKinley (R-WV); specifies PTs, OTs, SLPs
- Use www.protectmymobility.org to email your Members to cosponsor and ensure language included in any legislation passed
- CRT Telehealth Consortium- CRT telehealth examples needed; survey developed in conjunction with CTF; details and link will be sent via email

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State “Right to Repair” Legislation

- Bills are being proposed in different states to enable individuals and organizations to repair their own electronic products outside of established manufacturer policies
- While this may be applicable to certain products, the inclusion of medical equipment, including CRT power wheelchairs, presents significant risks
- Like many initiatives, the dangers of unintended negative consequences must be recognized

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“Right to Repair” Legislation (cont’d)

- Many medical equipment items are complex products and must be serviced by knowledgeable and trained technicians, and this applies to CRT power wheelchairs
- If repairs are not completed by a competent technician it could result in equipment damage, property damage, personal injury, or even death
- While there are definite improvements needed to provide more timely CRT repairs, the safety and health of the person cannot be compromised

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“Right to Repair” Legislation (cont’d)

- Medicare and many other insurances recognize the importance of a factory trained certified technician as they reimburse for this service (skill of a technician)
- Specific to CRT, the Medicare DMEPOS Quality Standards require suppliers to employ factory trained technicians
- NCART, US Rehab, and other organizations are monitoring this area to ensure users of CRT are not put at risk

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Upcoming Industry Events

- RESNA Annual Conference (Virtual)- July 7-9
- Abilities Expos (In-Person)- Chicago: June 25-27; Houston: Aug 6-8; Phoenix: Sept 10-12; New York: Oct 1-3
- VGM Heartland Conference (In-Person)- September 13-15
- International Seating Symposium (Virtual and In-Person)- October 28-30

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Clinician Update

- Development of Standing Devices document
- Collaboration of CTF & NCART
- Primary intent: provide guidance regarding the coverage, medical justification, and funding of standing devices for children and adults
- Close to publishing: Stay tuned!

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NRRTS Continuing Education

- June 8, 7:00 PM EDT- “Addressing Weight Bias And Stigma In Bariatric Care”; Presenter- Mary Forhan, OT REB (AB), PHD; .1 CEU
- June 9, 5:00 PM EDT- “Evaluation Criteria And Justification For A Mobile Shower Commode Chair”; Presenter- Jessica Presperin Pedersen, OTD, MBA, ATP/SMS, FAOTA, RESNA Fellow; .1 CEU
- June 10, 5:00 PM EDT- “How To Do More With Your Power Wheelchair – Interfacing With The Outside World”; Presenter- Antoinette Verdone, ATP; .1 CEU
- Register at <http://bit.ly/NRRTSLiveWebinar>

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UNITE 4 CRT



- Great topics
- Great information
- Great discussions
- For more information
- www.nrnts.org/unite4crt/

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DIRECTIONS Volume 3



- CEU Article
- Case Study
- Medical Focus
- Stories from the Field
- And more!

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Research

- Guidelines for the Care of People with Spina Bifida
- Research Agenda
- Catheter Survey

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Adult Care

- PM&R
- Med/Peds
- Primary Care

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National Spina Bifida Program

- National Patient Registry
- SBCCN

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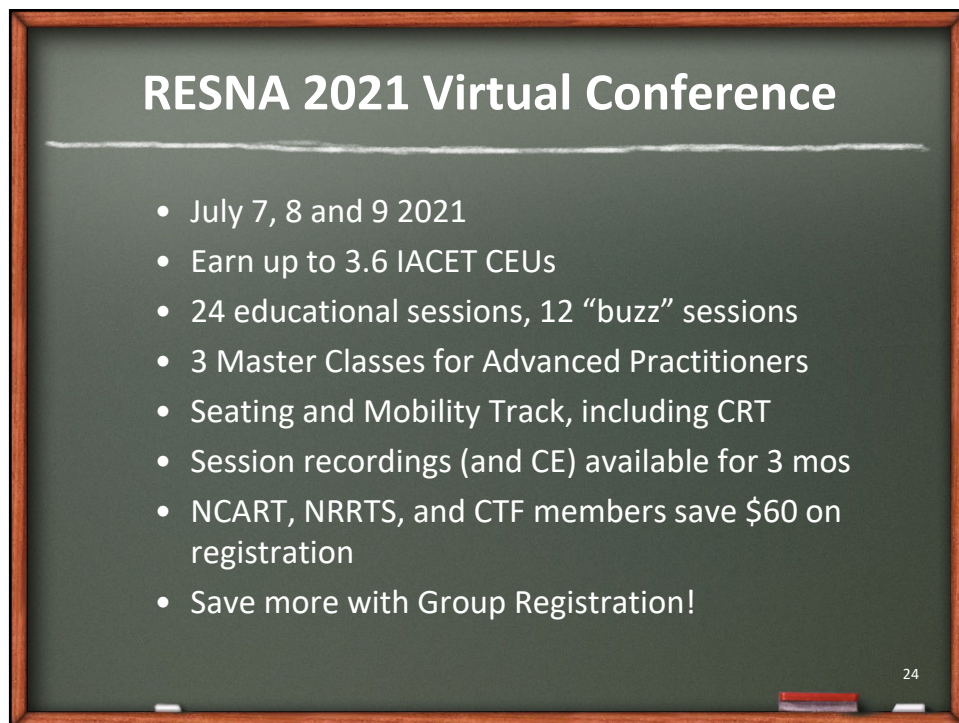
Advocacy

- Appropriations
- ITEM Coalition
- SSI
- Adult Care

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Sessions of Interest

- Sessions from NCART and CTF
 - CTF: Why It Is Time for a Policy Change on Standing Power Mobility, July 7 at 3pm ET
 - NCART: Protecting Access to CRT, July 9 at 12pm ET
- International Society of Wheelchair Professionals
- Driver Rehab and the ATP
- Position Papers – Ultralight Manual Wheelchair revision
- Using the “F-words” to Obtain Funding

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Other Events

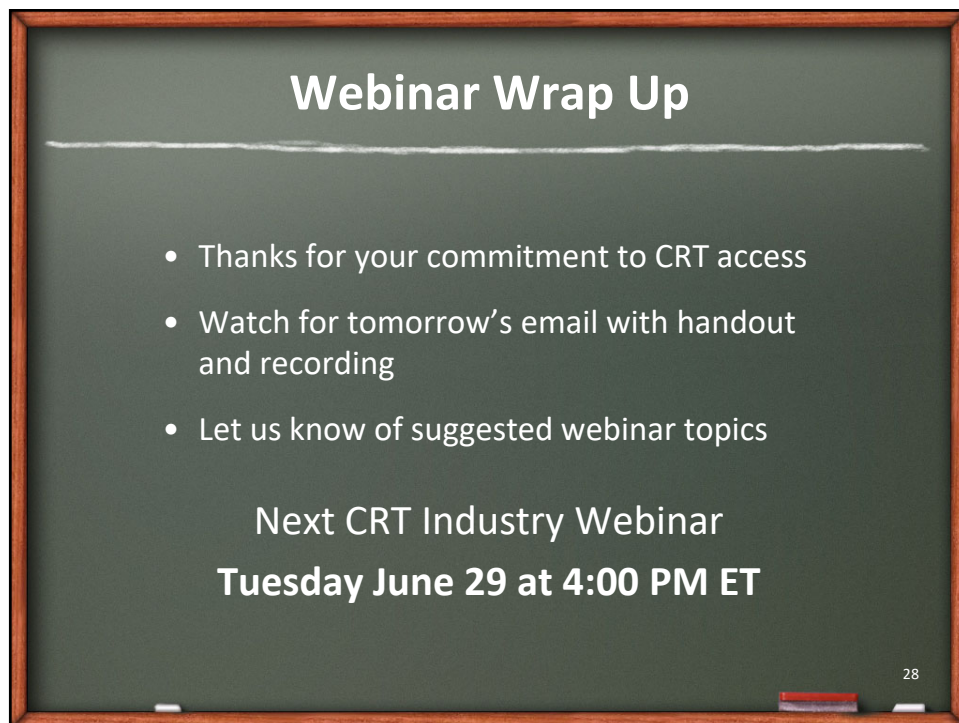
- Coffee Chats every morning
- International Reception on July 8
- Poster Minute Madness
- Scientific Paper Platform Sessions
- Student Design Challenge
- Developer’s Showcase
- Awards Ceremony

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