



## **Invitation to Complex Rehab Technology Briefing and Product Exposition**

### ***Ensuring Access to CRT for People with Disabilities: What Is Complex Rehab Technology? What Congressional Action Is Needed?***

**April 21, 2016 – Briefings at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM**

**House Cannon Building Room 340      Refreshments Will Be Provided**

The National Coalition for Assistive and Rehab Technology (NCART), United Spinal Association, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, in coordination with the offices of Representatives Jim Sensenbrenner and Joe Crowley, invite Members of Congress and Congressional staff to learn more about Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) and the benefits it provides to people with disabilities.

- People with high-level disabilities such as ALS, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple Sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Spinal Cord Injury, and Traumatic Brain Injury depend on individually-configured CRT to address their medical needs, maximize their independence, and minimize health care costs.
- CRT is very different from standard Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and faces unique access issues within the Medicare program. Attendees will hear and see how CRT is different from standard DME, including: the people who rely on it, what the products look like, and how the technology is individually configured to meet the specific needs of those with disabilities.

**There will be 20 minute briefings repeated at 1:00 PM, 2:00 PM, 3:00 PM, and 4:00 PM. The briefings will each be followed by a Product Exposition to allow attendees to walk around and have an interactive experience with CRT products. People with disabilities, clinicians, providers, manufacturers, and other advocates will provide demonstrations and answer questions.**

Please come and learn what CRT is all about and the challenges threatening people with disabilities' access to this important specialized equipment. Congress can ensure access by passing two important CRT bills this year that have broad bipartisan support in both the House and Senate:

- H.R. 3229 / S. 2196 to prevent CMS from inappropriately applying Competitive Bid Program pricing to Complex Rehab manual and power wheelchair accessories; and
- The "Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act of 2015" (H.R. 1516 / S. 1013) to establish a separate category for CRT and provide needed improvements in coverage, coding, and provider standards.

**Individuals expecting to attend are asked to reply to  
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