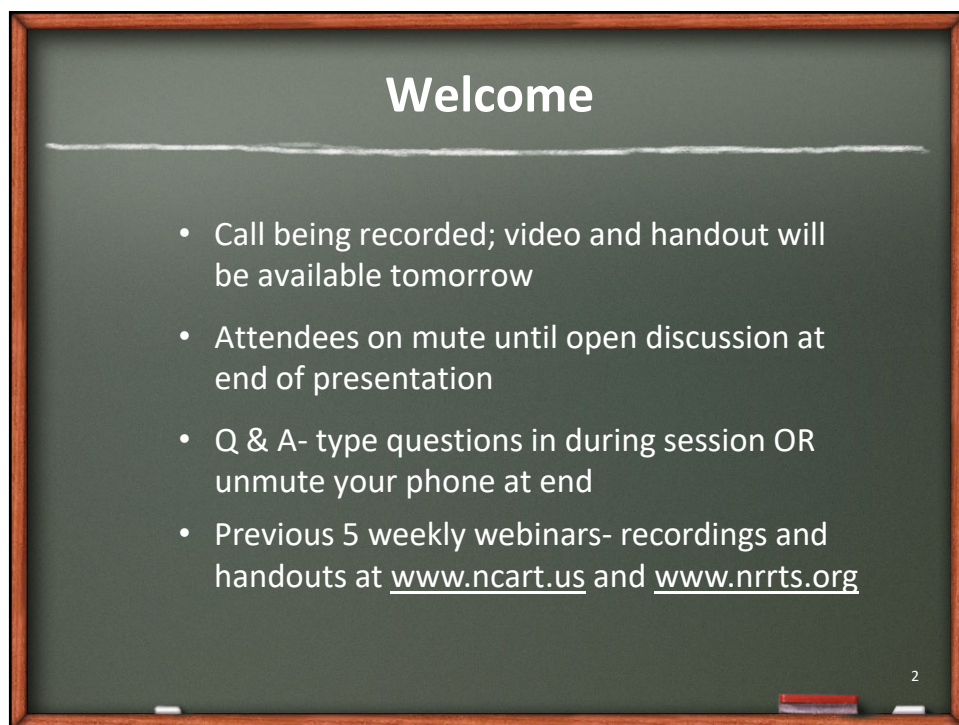


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Today's Topics

1. Recent Developments
2. Legislative Update
3. Medicare Billing Update
4. Remote Services/Telehealth Update
5. United Spinal Association
6. Q & A
7. Next Webinar- Thurs 5/14 at 4:00 PM ET

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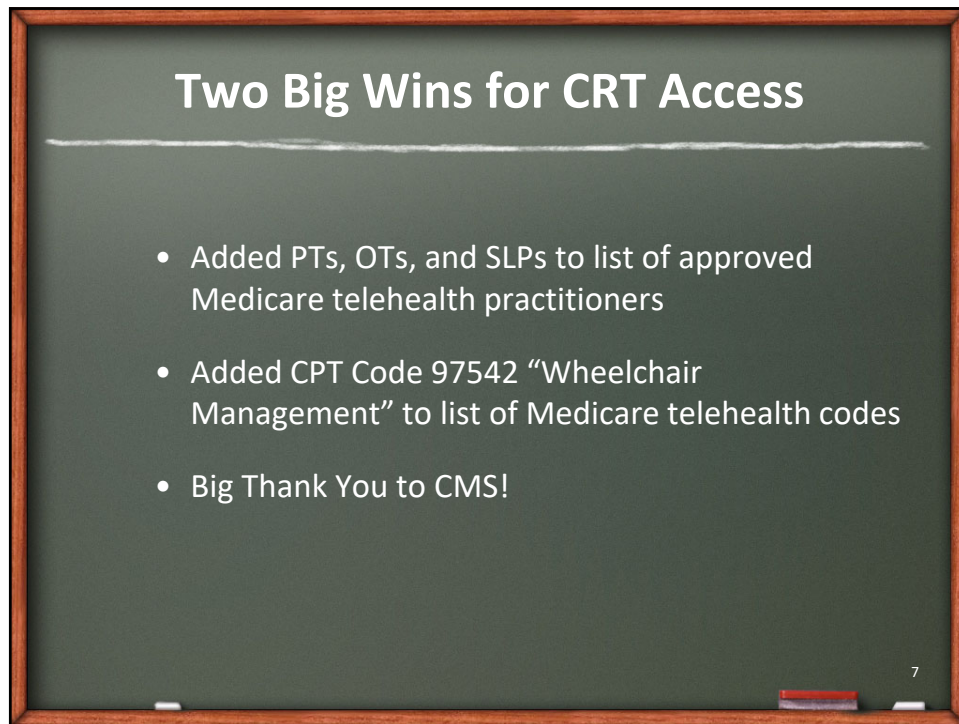
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Recent Developments

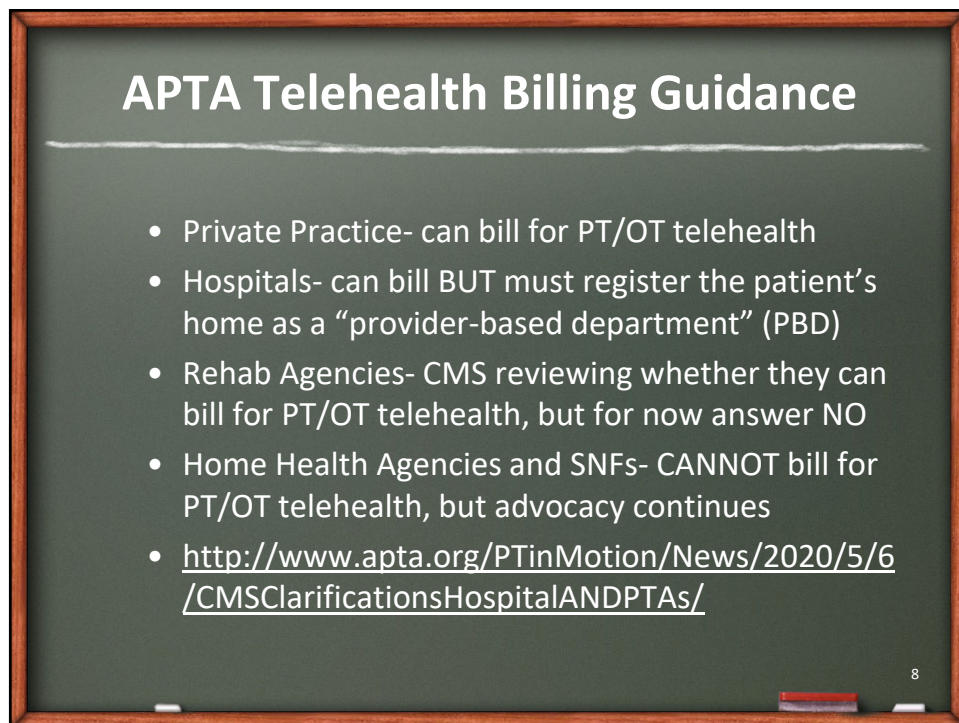
- Continued collaboration with advocacy partners: AA Homecare, VGM/US Rehab, State Associations
- Last week's "sweeping changes to support Healthcare System" from CMS
- Included (a) new COVID-19 CMS "Interim Final Rule with Comment"- CMS-5531-IFC and (b) updates to Waiver Bulletins and other advisories

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Outstanding CRT Access Issues

- Medicare DME MAC Instructions
 - Additional guidance on required specialty evaluation/supplier ATP involvement/home environment assessment
 - Documentation requirements under relaxed COVID-19 policies
- Additional states' adoption of telehealth for CRT when appropriate; email mlee@ncart.us with state issues or updates

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Legislative Update

Congress

- House out of session this week
- Senate in session
- House plans to return next week

House Ds discussing items for COVID 4 Relief Package

Senate Rs looking to evaluate impact of \$3 Trillion+ relief already provided to identify additional needs

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House Priorities

Build on CARES Act to provide additional funding for:

- Testing
- PPE
- Jobless benefits
- Small business relief
- Individual relief – \$2K, plus \$1K recurring monthly to year end
- State and local governments – \$1 Trillion

Estimate cost is \$2 Trillion

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Medicare DME Competitive Bidding

Industry working with Reps. McMorris Rodgers (R-WA) and Loeb sack (D-IA) to delay start of Round 2021 CB

- Delay program until 12 months following end of PHE or December 31, 2021, whichever is later
- Extend Rural and Non-Rural relief through same time period
- Apply 75% (adjusted rate) 25% (unadjusted rate) blended rate for patients using home respiratory or hospital beds in CBAs

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Medicare Billing Update

- NEW Non-Rural Fee Schedule Released for former CB items
- Allowables are more than the 75/25 blend due to CPI increase
- Effective for DOS 3/6/20 - End of PHE
- Some suppliers have notices the NEW allowables on ERNs already
- Mass adjustment of DOS submitted prior to the NEW allowables were updated in the processing system (no action needed by supplier)

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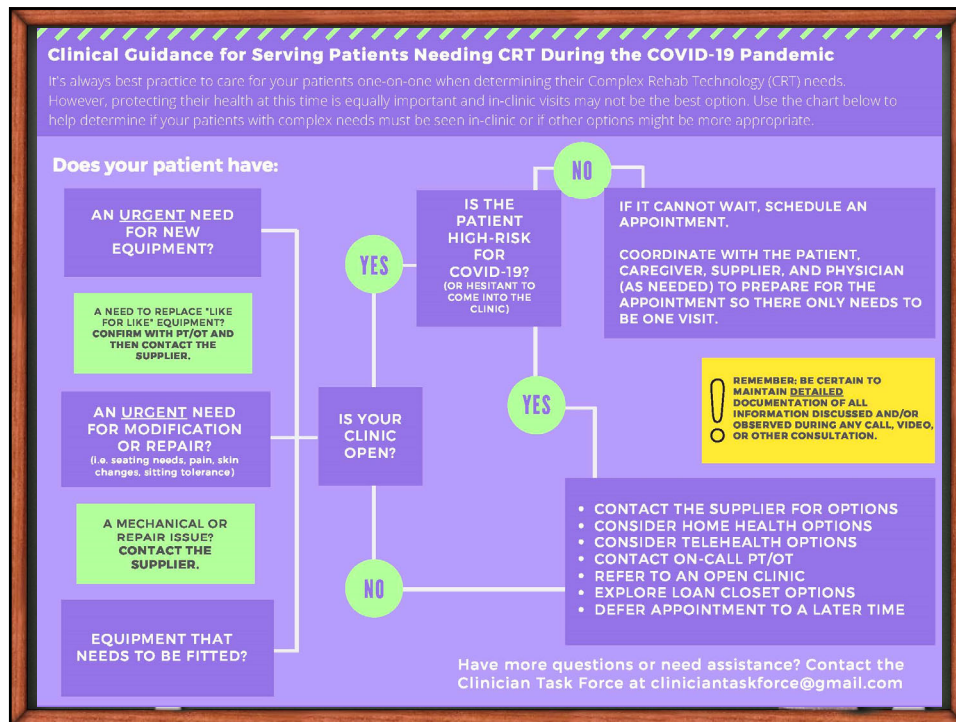
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COVID-19 Challenges

- Lack of PCA support
- Difficulty obtaining medical supplies/PPE
- Job loss
- Medical rationing
- Limited access to testing, transportation
- Less rehab options – leading to suboptimal outcomes
- Groceries



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COVID-19 Congressional Response

1. Coronavirus Preparedness & Response Supplemental Appropriations Act 2020: \$8.3 billion - vaccines, treatment, health & international programs, testing, PPE, small business loans
2. Families First Coronavirus Response Act: \$3.4 billion - paid leave, tax credits, expanded unemployment and nutrition assistance, and free testing

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Congressional Response (cont'd)

3. Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act): \$2.2 trillion - Aging and Disability Resource Centers (\$5 million), ACL - Aging and Disability Services Programs (\$955 million incl. \$85 million for the CILs), extension of Money Follows the Person funding through November 30, 2020
- 3.5 Paycheck Protection Program & Health Care Enhancement Act: \$484 billion - additional funding for small businesses, hospitals, testing
4. Late May - increased family/medical leave benefits, OSHA protections, pension funding, expanded food stamp payments, funds for businesses, state and local COVID funds, infrastructure, broadband

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COVID-19 Solutions

- Enhanced paid leave, dedicated Medicaid and HCBS funding, civil rights protections
- Deem homecare workers such as personal care attendants/caregivers as essential frontline workers
- Emergency income relief, food/medication
- Recommend access to early refills, longer refills, and mail-order medications for State Medicaid programs and private insurance (Medicare 90-day supply in CARES Act)
- Transportation – cleaning protocols, re-open routes
- IT infrastructure – 5G (telework)

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Virtual Advocacy Series

- 3-part Virtual Advocacy Series via Zoom – May, June, July
<https://unitedspinal.org/virtual-advocacy-series/>
- Part 1 – May 21, 2 PM ET – COVID-19 Challenges
- Part 2 – June – Lessons Learned in the Age of COVID - Teleworking and assistive technology; rehabilitation needs; and, accessible transportation
- Part 3 – July – ADA30 Celebration
Disability rights; medical rationing; accessible voting

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United Spinal Development Team

United Spinal Association offers life-enhancing programs for individuals with spinal cord Injury and spinal cord disorders (SCI/D) and the greater disability community.

- We mobilized quickly as the challenges of COVID-19 unfolded and many of our partners reached out to us.
- Support is vital so we can continue our outreach and respond with our resources for the health and independence of our large network of members, chapters, support groups, and disability stakeholders.

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COVID-19 Response

Thanks to the Craig H. Neilsen Foundation and other generous supporters, so far United Spinal has been able to:

- Provide direct COVID-19 relief grants to over 500 individuals with SCI/D, 34 United Spinal chapters and 25 United Spinal support groups

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Top Five Needs of Our Community

- #1 – Helping to Keep People Out of Nursing Homes
- #2 – Funding for Life-Enhancing Programs
- #3 – Distributing Aid and Relief Grants
- #4 – Donating Supplies
- #5 – Sharing Life-Saving Resources

For more information, please go to:
<https://unitedspinal.org/help-us-save-lives/>

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Thank You

To learn more about United Spinal's efforts to serve the disability community during the COVID-19 Pandemic, please visit:

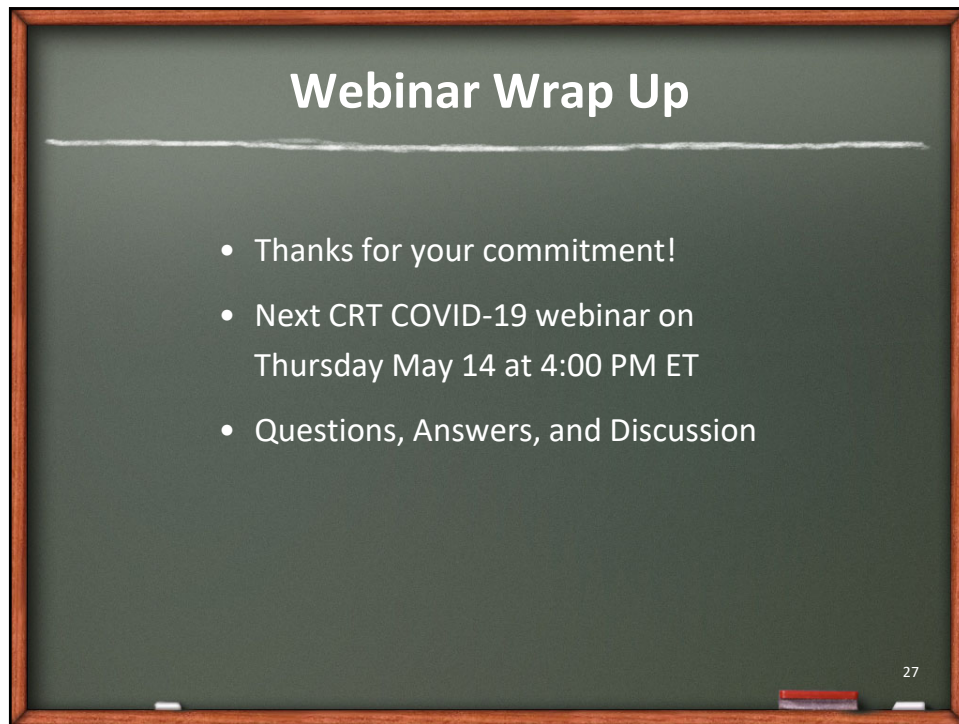
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Thank you for your commitment to innovation and progress in providing people with disabilities with life-changing complex rehabilitation technology!



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