Call To Action for Complex Rehab Technology

Congress Needs To Pass Legislation (H.R. 4378) To Protect Access To Specialized Wheelchairs, Seating Systems, Other Adaptive Equipment

Legislation has recently been introduced in Congress to protect and improve access to the specialized wheelchairs, seating systems, and other adaptive equipment needed by people with disabilities. These items are referred to as Complex Rehab Technology (CRT).

The legislation is entitled the "Ensuring Access To Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act" and has been assigned bill number **H.R. 4378**. The Bill will create a Separate Benefit Category for CRT within the Medicare program (similar to the separate category given to Orthotics and Prosthetics) and provide needed changes and safeguards to improve access for the people with disabilities who rely on this equipment and the related supporting services.

To provide background information and advocacy tools, a central website has been created at www.access2crt.org. Here you will find a variety of resources to help get **H.R. 4378** passed:

- "Introduction to CRT" video (10 minutes)- Share this link with Congress and others to educate them on what CRT is, who uses it, why it's important, and how it's provided.
- Contact Congress link- This link will allow you to enter your zip code and email your Representative and both Senators about the issue and your request to support **H.R. 4378**. Use the suggested message, or better yet personalize it from your perspective.
- National Petition link- After sending your emails, you can also sign the electronic petition that will be shared with Congress to show widespread support for the Bill.
- Educational Material- View and share the summary of **H.R. 4378**, the position paper, the list of supporting national organizations, and other educational documents.

Getting legislation passed in Congress is a real challenge. **H.R. 4378** will only get passed if enough Members of Congress hear from people in their home districts and states. We need thousands of people from across the country to contact Congress and tell them this issue is important and they need to sign on to this Bill! Here is your call to action:

Step 1- Go to www.access2crt.org

Step 2- Email your Members of Congress and sign the National Petition

Step 3- Follow up with your Members until they sign on to **H.R. 4378**

Step 4- Spread the word and get others engaged in this advocacy too

With everyone's help we can get H.R. 4378 passed and protect access to Specialized Wheelchairs, Seating Systems, and Other Adaptive Equipment!