Disability and Rehabilitation/Habilitation Groups Promote Access to Services/Devices with Capitol Hill Briefing:

The Value of Rehabilitation and Habilitation Services and Devices

June 27, 2017

The American Music Therapy Association worked with three national coalitions - including sixty (60) national rehabilitation and disability organizations - to host a Congressional briefing on the value of rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices. As Congress considers health care reform, it is critical that people with injuries, illnesses, and disabilities have continued access to rehabilitative and habilitative care.

Compelling speakers will highlight the importance of intensive inpatient hospital rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation and habilitation therapies, prosthetic limbs and other assistive devices and technologies

Speakers
- U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL)
- U.S. Representative Brian Mast (R-FL)
- Eric LeGrand, Former Rutgers football star with spinal cord injury
- Roseann Sdoia, Boston bombing survivor
- Lisa Smith, mother of child with developmental disability who uses habilitation therapy

Briefing Contents
- The impact of rehabilitation and habilitation services and therapies
- The impact of prosthetics, orthotics, durable medical equipment, and other assistive devices
- Rehabilitation’s impact on injured military personnel and veterans
- Personal testimonials of injury, habilitation, rehabilitation, and recovery

Demonstrations of Assistive Devices and Technologies
- Cutting-edge prosthetic limbs, exoskeletal orthoses, complex rehab technology and cochlear implants will be demonstrated

The briefing takes place on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-106. Over 50 Senate staff visits that same day are also planned to bring the message directly to policymakers.
Congressional Briefing Sponsoring and Endorsing Organizations

**Sponsoring Organizations**

- American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- American Association on Health and Disability
- American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine
- American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
- American Occupational Therapy Association
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- American Therapeutic Recreation Association
- American Music Therapy Association
- Amputee Coalition
- The Arc of the United States
- ACCSES
- Brain Injury Association of America
- Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation
- National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics
- National Coalition for Assistive and Rehab Technology
- National Multiple Sclerosis Society
- United Spinal Association

**Endorsing Organizations**

- Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals
- American Academy of Neurology
- American Association of People with Disabilities
- American Cochlear Implant Alliance
- American Foundation for the Blind
- American Heart Association / American Stroke Association
- American Network of Community Options and Resources
- American Spinal Injury Association
- Assistive Technology Industry Association
- Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired
- Association of Academic Psychiatrists
- Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
- Association of Rehabilitation Nurses
- Association of University Centers on Disabilities
- Autism Speaks
- Caregiver Action Network
- Center for Medicare Advocacy
- Clinician Task Force
- Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- Easterseals
- Falling Forward Foundation
- Family Voices
- Hearing Loss Association of America
- The Institute for Matching Person & Technology
- Lakeshore Foundation
- The Miami Project to Cure Paralysis
- The Myositis Association
- National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors
- National Association for Rural Mental Health
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Association of State Head Injury Administrators
- National Council on Independent Living
- National Disability Rights Network
- National Rehabilitation Association
- Paralyzed Veterans of America
- Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America
- The Simon Foundation for Continence
- Spina Bifida Association
- TASH
- Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation
- Unite 2 Fight Paralysis
- United Cerebral Palsy