

NARA SPRING CONFERENCE 2017
The Rehab Industry: Vision for the Future

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017

- 8:00 - 8:30am** **Light Breakfast and Conference Sign In (Location: New Hampshire III)**
- 8:30 - 9:45am** **President's Welcome and NARA's Vision for the Future of Rehab**
- Stephen Hunter, PT, DPT, OCS
NARA President
- 9:45 – 10:00am** **Break**
- 10:00 - 11:30am** **New President, New Congress, New Leadership at Federal Agencies—What Lies Ahead for Health Care?**
- There is no shortage of critical issues which could emerge in 2017: “repealing and replacing” the Affordable Care Act; major reform of the Medicaid program including block grants or per capital limits on federal funding; reauthorization of the State Children’s Health Insurance Program; a burgeoning federal budget deficit which could result in cuts to entitlement programs including Medicare; MedPAC proposals to revamp reimbursement for post-acute care; and new approaches to rulemaking at HHS and CMS. 2017 also promises to bring an all-out effort to reform individual and corporate taxes. This portion of the agenda will examine all of these issues from legislative, regulatory, and political perspectives.
- George G. Olsen, Esq.
President
Williams & Jensen, PLLC
 - Christopher Hatcher, Esq.
Principal
Williams & Jensen, PLLC
- 11:30am - 1:00pm** **Lunch on Your Own**
- 1:00 – 2:15pm** **In Search of a Solution to the Outpatient Therapy Caps.**
- Authority for the therapy caps exceptions process expires at midnight on December 31, 2017, necessitating passage this year of legislation repealing the caps, extending the exceptions process yet again, or providing for a permanent alternative to the therapy cap system. Legislation has been introduced in the 115th Congress to repeal the caps and work is being done to develop a viable solution to the cap issue. Congressional staff will discuss these issues and assess how they may be addressed in the new Congress and with a new Administration.
- Congressional staff responsible for the therapy cap issue have been invited.

Agenda is subject to change without notice

NARA SPRING CONFERENCE 2017
The Rehab Industry: Vision for the Future

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 (continued)

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 – 3:00pm

Preparation for Hill Visits.

This session will prepare NARA members for their visits to Capitol Hill on Thursday morning. The primary issues that should be addressed will be reviewed as well as the elements of effective meetings with Members of Congress and their staffs. Information packets for the Hill visits will also be distributed.

- Mark Anderson, PT
President
Mountain Land Rehabilitation, Inc.
- George G. Olsen, Esq.
Williams & Jensen, PLLC

3:00 – 3:15pm

Break

3:15 – 4:45pm

The View from the Top: The Vision for the Future Rehabilitation.

In his opening presentation, President Stephen Hunter articulated NARA's vision of the future of rehabilitation. During this session, the leaders of APTA, ASHA, AOTA, and NASL will share their respective organization's view of the profession's future. This promises to be an extremely thought-provoking program. It is not to be missed.

- Justin Moore, PT, DPT
Chief Executive Officer
American Physical Therapy Association
- Arlene A. Pietranton, PhD, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
American Speech-Language Hearing Association
- To Be Named
American Occupational Therapy Association
- To Be Named
National Association for the Support of Long-Term Care

Agenda is subject to change without notice

NARA SPRING CONFERENCE 2017
The Rehab Industry: Vision for the Future

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 (continued)

4:45 – 6:30pm

Connections & Cocktails (Location: Ballroom)

Join us for a “speed dating” type event between providers looking for Solution Partners to meet their business’ strategic goals. This event will start the process for meaningful networking and connections throughout the NARA conference. Each Owner/Provider will have an opportunity to request matches in categories of interest and Solution Partners will have an opportunity to meet key decision makers. This is a great opportunity for providers to investigate solutions for key business needs and for vendors to discuss their unique contributions. Solution Partners will complete profile information identifying their unique contributions for the identified categories. A matching process will set up meetings between providers and Solution Partners during this allocated time.

6:30 – 7:30pm

Welcome Reception (Location: Ballroom)

NARA SPRING CONFERENCE 2017
The Rehab Industry: Vision for the Future

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017

- 8:00am - 12:30pm** **Conference Attendee Visits to Capitol Hill**
- 12:30 - 1:45pm** **NARA Member Summaries and Feedback from Congressional Visits. (Light Lunch served in the New Hampshire III room)**
- 1:45 – 2:00pm** **Break**
- 2:00 – 3:30pm** **The Future of SNF Payment Models**
In April 2014, CMS expanded the scope of the Medicare Part A SNF Payment reform project to include SNF Therapy Payment Research in order to have a comprehensive approach to payment reform. Acumen, LLC is the contractor leading the Technical Expert Panel on designing a new payment model. Following their October 2016 meeting, Acumen provided a summary which included recommendations. While the recommendations of the new model were presented to CMS and have been made public, CMS has not indicated whether it will look to implement the new model as presented. The model recommends a change from the current PPS payment system of three components to five components. Instead of therapy, nursing and non-case mix being the core components, this model suggests a PT/OT component, a separate SLP component and a non-therapy ancillary component, in addition to the nursing and non-case mix components. Our speaker is a member of the TEP and will provide us with an overview of this summary and the impact on providers.
- Natalie Leland, PhD, OTR/L, BCG, FAOTA
Assistant Professor University of Southern California
 - Toby Edelman, Esq. [Invited]
Senior Policy Attorney
Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc.
- 3:30 – 3:45pm** **Break**
- 4:00 – 5:00pm** **NARA Membership Annual Business Meeting**
This session is for current NARA Members. Those who are attending the conference but interested in becoming a NARA Member may attend.
- 5:00 – 5:30pm** **NARA Board of Directors Newly Elected Officers Meeting**

Agenda is subject to change without notice

NARA SPRING CONFERENCE 2017

The Rehab Industry: Vision for the Future

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017

7:00 – 8:15am

Breakfast with George. *(Additional registration and fee)*

Start your day with an informal discussion with George Olsen about politics, the status of legislation and the state of the legislative process, the Trump Administration and its objectives, and any other Washington-related topic you'd like to explore. This is intended to be a free-wheeling, no-holds-barred conversation about topics of interest to NARA members.

8:15 - 8:30am

Session Sign-In, Breakfast and Membership Networking (Location: Ballroom)

8:30 - 9:45am

The Trump Administration and Government Regulation.

After eight years of aggressive and expansive rulemaking by federal agencies under the Obama Administration, President Trump and Congressional Republicans have embarked on a mission to reduce the impact of federal regulations on businesses and individuals. This panel will examine the executive orders, Administration memoranda, and Congressional actions which seek to reshape federal rulemaking as well as the impact of the new policies on the health care market.

- Frank C. Vlossak, Esq.
Principal
Williams & Jensen, PLLC

- George G. Olsen, Esq.
Williams & Jensen, PLLC

9:45 – 10:00am

Break

10:00 - 11:15am

A Little Help from Our Friends!

This has become a traditional session at the NARA Spring Conference and affords the organizations with which NARA works closely an opportunity to share issues and proposals important to them directly with NARA's members.

- American Occupational Therapy Association
- American Physical Therapy Association
- American Speech-Language Hearing Association
- American Health Care Association
- National Association for the Support of Long-Term Care
- American Medical Rehabilitation Providers Association
- National Association for Home Care

Agenda is subject to change without notice

NARA SPRING CONFERENCE 2017
The Rehab Industry: Vision for the Future

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 (continued)

11:15 – 11:30am

Break

11:30 – 12:15pm

Rehabilitation Providers and MIPS 2019: Its Closer Than You think!

MIPS is bearing down quickly on rehabilitation providers and much needs to be done to prepare for it. An early outcomes stakeholder meeting at CMS underscored the need to preparatory work by rehabilitation providers. This session will lay out the current state of play and identify the challenges that lay ahead for the rehabilitation sector.

- Heather Smith
Director of Quality
American Physical Therapy Association

12:15pm

Closing Remarks and Adjournment