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NARA Advocacy October Membership Call

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Housekeeping Reminders

- All attendees are on mute
- Handouts were provided in the reminder email for this webinar sent 1 hour ago
- **Questions for Speakers:** submit them using the Q&A button on the attendee control panel
- **Technical Questions:** submit them using the Chat button on the attendee control panel
- **Recording:** will be posted for NARA Members on the Portal within 24 hours

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SCHEDULING MEETINGS

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Committee Membership by State

- We have worked with Williams and Jensen and our focus is on members of:
 - House Ways and Means,
 - House Energy and Commerce
 - Senate Finance committees



October 2022 Advocacy Campaign

ALABAMA
House Ways and Means

- Representative Terri Sewell (D-AL-7)

House Energy and Commerce

- Representative Gary Palmer (R-AL-6)

ARIZONA
House Ways and Means

- Representative David Schweikert (R-AZ-6)


House Energy and Commerce

- Representative Tom O'Halleran (D-AZ-1)
- Representative Debbie Lesko (R-AZ-8)

CALIFORNIA
House Ways and Means

- Representative Mike Thompson (D-CA-5)
- Representative Linda Sánchez (D-CA-38)
- Representative Judy Chu (D-CA-27)
- Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-20)
- Representative Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34)

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Scheduling Meetings

- Each legislator has a website with a direct link to schedule a meeting and to invite them to an event (such as inviting them to your facility)
 - *The person in your group who lives in the district or who has business in that district should request the meeting **and/or***
 - *The person in your group who has a relationship with that office should request the meeting*

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Mike THOMPSON
Representing California's Fifth District

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Mike Thompson is the U.S. Representative for California's Fifth Congressional District. The district includes the cities of Colton, Corona, Norwalk, Orange, and parts of Costa Mesa, Lake, Solano and Sonoma Counties. He was first elected in 1998. Prior to serving in Congress, Rep. Thompson represented California's 2nd District in the California State Senate where he chaired the powerful Budget Committee.

He is a member of the pro-life coalition.


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Your Message

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Select the issue your email relates to:

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Health

Housing

Immigration

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Judiciary

Other

Postal Issues

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Social Security and Pensions

Taxes

Trade

None

Subject *

Comment *

In Comment box you will request a meeting (you can be specific in the date or dates of request) to discuss stopping payment reductions for rehabilitation providers.

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NARA Advocacy Events:

PAC Events Attended

September

- Senator Collins (R-ME) Committee for Health and Aging and Committee Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
- Senator Grassley (R-IA), Former Chair of Finance Committee, Committee for Finance, Budget Committee
- Senator Fisher (R-NE)
- Senator Marshall (R-KS)

June

- Rep Jason Smith (R-MO), Co-Sponsor of SMART Act
- Rep Richard Neal (D-MA) Chairman of Ways & Means
- Rep Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)

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NARA Advocacy Over the Past Few Months

- Sister Association Coalition
 - Dobson Scoring of SMART Act (NARA Supported)
 - Cost Savings with General Supervision
 - Requesting waiver of 15% in rural and underserved areas
 - Resulting in updated SMART Act language in Senate version
 - 20+ Coalition Meetings with Key Congressional Offices and Committees to Date

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Advocacy October


Past and Future Impacts

	Occupational Therapists	Occupational Therapy Assistants
Fee Schedule - 2021	-3%	-3%
Fee Schedule - 2022	-0.75%	-15.75%
Fee Schedule - 2023	-4.5%	-4.5%
Statutory Pay-Go	-4%	-4%
Total	-12.25%	-27.25%

Asks: Meet/Visit/Local Impacts

- Support the SMART ACT:** Please co sponsor the SMART Act (H.R. 5536) which will exempt rural and underserved areas from the 15% assistant differential, and change the supervision requirement in private practice settings from “direct” to “general” supervision.
- Stop the Budget Neutrality Cuts:** Please cosponsor H.R. 8800 the “Supporting Medicare Providers Act”, introduced by Congressman Ami Bera and Congressman Larry Bucshon. This legislation will stop the upcoming 4.5% cut to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.
- Support an inflationary increase to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule:** Help offset the extreme rise in costs of the last year - while Congress considers ways to reform the fee schedule.
- Waive Pay-Go:** Congress must waive Pay-Go to avoid a 4% across the board cut to Medicare.
- Begin long-term reform of the Fee Schedule:** The current Fee Schedule is flawed and must be reformed. Arbitrary budget-neutrality cuts, lack of inflationary increases, and a quality payment system that does not allow facility-based occupational therapy practitioners to participate is not sustainable.

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Planning For Your Visits

- Have a plan with your group prior to the visits
- Do your homework! Know the legislators that you will be meeting with.
- Review the NARA resources
- Designate a lead/host person to act as the moderator for the virtual and/or in-person visits. Lead/Host Responsibilities:
 - Intro to NARA
 - Facilitate intro of others on call
 - List our ‘asks’ Bills to support, then pass on to other speakers to go into more detail
 - Host also closes and summarizes with same ‘asks’
 - Liaison/lead or host to complete post visit survey monkey

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Capture The Moment

- Take a picture
- Share the picture and express your appreciation for the meeting on social media (remember to tag the legislators office and NARA)
- NARA Social Media:
 - Twitter: @rehabassoc
 - LinkedIn: National Association of Rehab Providers and Agencies

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NARA Advocacy At Home


- Invite for a visit!
- Attend an in person or virtual town hall!
- Request a meeting
- Email
- Participate /Have patients participate in NARA Calls to Action

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Event Request

Complete and submit this form to request my appearance at a speaking or non-speaking function. Due to scheduling demands, not all requests may be filled.

**Please note due to current public health concerns surrounding the coronavirus, Congressman Thompson and his staff are conducting "no contact" meetings. In an abundance of caution, we are also asking people to stay home if they are sick, if you are sick and it's an urgent matter, we are happy to schedule a phone meeting.

Required fields are followed by *.

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Who You Gonna Call

- **Government Affair Committee**
 - Chairperson: Sabrena McCarley, Transitional Care Management
 - Lisa Chambers, Blue Sky Therapy
 - Babak Amali, Prodigy Rehabilitation
 - Jessica Beaudry, Vertis Therapy
- **Political Action Committee (PAC)**
 - Chairperson, Trustee: Mark Anderson, Mountain Land Rehabilitation
 - Trustee: Lee Glasoe, Prairie Rehabilitation
 - Trustee: Chris Batchelor, Big Stone Therapies

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Our voices truly are louder when we advocate together!

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