



May 22, 2018

Re: Please Sign On to House Letter to CMS Administrator Seema Verma regarding 21st Century Cures Act Provisions and Complex Rehab Technology (CRT)

Dear Representative:

The undersigned members of the Independence Through Enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid (ITEM) Coalition Steering Committee write to express our strong support for a Congressional sign-on letter from Representatives Bill Johnson (R-OH-6) and Bob Latta (R-OH-5) to CMS Administrator Verma regarding 21st Century Cures Act Provisions and Complex Rehab Technology (CRT).

As a 75-member coalition of consumer and clinician organizations focused on ensuring access to and coverage of assistive devices and technologies for people with disabilities and chronic conditions, the ITEM Coalition strongly supports this effort to ensure that consumers with severe disabilities like ALS, spinal cord injuries, and cerebral palsy have access to the CRT devices they need.

To that end, we encourage you to please review the attached “Dear Colleague” letter and to join Reps. Johnson and Latta in their letter to Administrator Verma.

If you have any questions, please contact the ITEM Coalition coordinators, Peter Thomas, at Peter.Thomas@powerslaw.com or Leif Brierley at Leif.Brierley@powerslaw.com, or call 202-466-6550.

Sincerely,

ITEM Coalition Steering Committee Members

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