

## Our Mission

To provide clinical based expertise to inform and promote public policy, best practices, and positive outcomes regarding people with disabilities who require seating, positioning, and mobility products and related services.

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**A member of the Executive Board (EB) will be assigned to provide primary oversight to each of the following top four (4) priority areas. The EB member will be responsible for overseeing any related initiatives or CTF specific projects related to their assigned area. They will monitor and report on activities, assignments, timelines and progress using an online tracking program. *Please mark at least one of these 4 work groups you are interested in serving in for 2019:***

- 1. Federal legislation - CRT, MWC accessories, separate benefit category (SBC) (big push in 2019)—**
  - Develop a mechanism to collect case examples from members of CTF to support each initiative and to inform CMS or Congress regarding clinical best practice, clinical observations regarding access and the impact on beneficiaries. (Launch plan with CTF membership and provide education on how the mobilization plan and collection process will work)
  - Work group involvement – CTF members will identify areas of interest and commit to participation and action to support the objectives from a clinical perspective
  - Active participation in Hill days (CRT Conference and Roll on Capitol Hill (Budget to send 3 clinicians and identify and send 3 end users (3 clinicians and 3 end users x 2 visits)
  
- 2. Medicare- coverage for standing/elevate, unique materials and features that exceed the existing code requirements and which answer specific medical needs—**
  - This can be work groups –partnering with ITEM and/or RESNA - Establish work groups of at least 3-4 members for Standing, Seat elevation (To participate in the ITEM effort), and other topics as allowed
  
- 3. Medicaid- Managed care, restricted coverage or reduced access—**
  - Clinical Medicaid Advocates by State – MCO developing in each state:
    - Assist with the NCART pilot project focused on ANTHEM non-coverage of standing. CTF to identify individuals denied access to standing technology with Medicaid as their payor in the states identified in the pilot project
    - Identify at least one clinician to be the CTF contact within each state to represent the clinical voice for key initiatives in their state
  - Traditional Medicaid:
    - Use membership database to access clinicians in states that have CTF focused issues and help partner with state chapters of APTA an AOTA to address state issues that are in line with Mission
  
- 4. SWM clinician issues- focus for 2019 is building capacity, training, education of novice therapists in various areas of practice to help get consumers in right product—**
  - Promote distribution of webinar series that involves CTF member as mentor and provides CEU credit
  - Work with other organizations on DME Consulting group issues to provide clinical voice
  - Leverage leadership positions at APTA and AOTA to advance SWM – have CTF members involved in leadership in APTA and AOTA and in RESNA SWM SIG to develop contacts for communication and distribution of info needed for “call-in days”
  - Assist in development of articles (6 per year) for “Directions Magazine”