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**26TH ANNUAL MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2011
 ANAHEIM MARRIOTT HOTEL**

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DOTH COUNTDOWN - 3 WEEKS TO GO

Day on the Hill 2011 has the potential to be a very exciting and effective event. To date, 68 registrants have registered and will be representing 29 states. That translates to a significant number of congressional offices that will be informed of regulatory issues directly affecting cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

Please plan to participate in the preliminary conference call where there will be ample time for questions and discussion. (If you're unable to join the call, you will have the ability to listen to the conference call on-line after the event.)

February 17, 2011

12:00 pm EST, 11:00 am CST, 10:00 am MST, 9:00 am PST

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We continue to seek co-introduction of a bill by a Republican and Democrat from both the Senate Finance Committee and Ways & Means Health Subcommittee. Some of the delay is due simply to congressional office staff changes. Some AACVPR members are actively in the process of helping secure members willing to take this lead. We hope to have companion bill numbers and more information on this by next week's preparatory conference call.

At this point, you and your fellow state attendees have had success scheduling many of your appointments with congressional members and/or their health staff member(s). Some offices prefer not to schedule appointments more than 2 weeks out - be polite, be persistent, and keep trying to secure an appointment. Keep in mind that at past DOTH events, drop-

in visits have also worked very well.

Please plan to attend the preparatory meeting on *Wednesday, March 2nd at the host hotel, Sheraton National, beginning at 7:00 pm*. We will provide you with a thorough background discussion of the issues, review talking points, and prepare you for what to expect process-wise at Thursday's appointments. There will be opportunity for role-playing, always a guaranteed nerve calmer. Congressional Directories will be distributed to attendees. These helpful booklets include a map of the US House and US Senate buildings ([CLICK HERE to view an online version](#)), a METRO line map, and a listing of congressional members with office location and phone numbers. At this time, we'll also help with final appointment groupings so everyone knows where they are going and with whom the next morning.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Karen
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