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DOTH COUNTDOWN – 3 WEEKS TO GO

NEWSFLASH- we have received a Senate bill number for the nonphysician practitioner issue and we are pursuing a companion House bill introduction with the assistance of AACVPR members from some key states. Talking points are taking shape and will be posted on the DOTH web page next week.

To date, 43 attendees have registered and will be representing 21 states. That translates to a significant number of congressional offices that will be informed of regulatory issues directly affecting cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

The issues and the NPP bill information have been posted on the DOTH web page. A leave-behind template will be posted once both bill numbers are finalized. You are welcome to use the template and adapt it to your particular state and state issues.

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 21, 2012
1:00 pm EST, 12:00 am CST, 11:00 am MST, 10:00 am PST

Dial-in number: **636-692-6904**

Conference code: **830 795 5906**

At this point, you and your fellow state attendees have had success scheduling many of your appointments with congressional members and/or the health staff members. Some offices prefer not to schedule appointments more than 2 weeks out-be polite, be persistent, and keep trying to secure an appointment with the option of calling on offices where you don't get an appointment prior to your arrival.

Please plan to attend the preparatory meeting on Wednesday, February 29th at the host hotel, Sheraton National, beginning at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker is Gary Capistrant, legislative analyst for the American Telemedicine Association (ATA). You will receive 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, 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.