Disability and Rehab/Habilitation Groups
Promote Access to Services/Devices

The American Association on Health and Disability is working with three national coalitions including sixty (60) national rehabilitation and disability organizations to host a Congressional briefing on the value of rehabilitation and habilitation services and devices. As Congress considers health care reform, it is critical that people with injuries, illnesses, and disabilities have continued access to rehabilitative and habilitative care.

Compelling speakers will highlight the importance of intensive inpatient hospital rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation and habilitation therapies, prosthetic limbs and other assistive devices and technologies. Speakers include:

- U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) (invited): Bilateral leg amputee injured in Iraq
- U.S. Congressman Brian Mast (R-FL) Bilateral leg amputee injured in Afghanistan
- Eric LeGrand: Former Rutgers football player who sustained a spinal cord injury during a game
- Roseann Sdoia: Boston bombing survivor who sustained an above knee amputation
- Isabella Smith: Child with a developmental disability whose speech has benefitted from habilitative speech therapy

Powerful testimonials will be shared of personal injury, habilitation, rehabilitation, and recovery. Cutting-edge assistive devices and technologies will be demonstrated by users.

The briefing will take place on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Eastern Time, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room SD-106. Over 50 Senate staff visits that same day are also planned to bring the message directly to policymakers.

Stay tuned for more information and how you can participate through social media.

For more information, please see websites of the CPR, HAB Coalition, and ITEM Coalition.