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Subject: REMINDER: Let Your Voice Be Heard - SSA Disability Program – Telehealth & Telemedicine Forum

Attachments: IdeaScale How-To Guide.pdf

Dear Colleague:

Our 5th National Disability Forum is almost here! Please remember to [join us](#) this Thursday to discuss **Advance the Disability Program through Telehealth and Telemedicine.**

What are Telehealth and Telemedicine?

“Telehealth” encompasses a variety of ways to use video and other technology to enhance healthcare. “Telemedicine” involves clinical services provided by interactive communication, most commonly a practitioner at different locations. We are eager to hear your input on ways that telehealth and telemedicine better serve individuals with disabilities and improve the overall administration of our programs.

When Is the National Disability Forum?

The National Disability Forum is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27th, 2016** from **1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at the **Education Association** located at **1201 16th Street, NW, Washington DC.** The forum will also be available online.

Who are the Speakers?

David Brennan, Director, Telehealth Initiatives at the MedStar Institute for Innovation will moderate the forum. Other speakers include:

- Alan H. Dinesman, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment, Department of Social Security Administration
- Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center at University of Virginia
- Kofi Jones, Vice President of Government Affairs, American Well

Additional speakers are being confirmed.

Register Now!

[Register](#), if you plan to attend the forum either in-person or by phone. Please share this invitation with anyone who is interested.

Join the Online Discussion

In addition, we are seeking input for the questions below on telehealth and telemedicine through our [IdeaScale](#) survey, which is now open through November 18th, 2016. IdeaScale is an online tool where you can share your thoughts and respond to their comments. Please refer to the attached guide for IdeaScale instructions.

- How can we use telemedicine and/or telehealth in the development of claims to better serve individuals with disabilities?
- How can telehealth help expedite the timely assessment of disability claims at all levels of adjudication?

- How else might we use telemedicine and/or telehealth to improve the administration of our programs we consider?

To learn more about the National Disability Forum series, visit us at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ndf/> please contact Joie Hill at Joie.Hill@ssa.gov or 410-965-9115.

Thank you very much for your support and interest in our programs.

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