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

Attachments: IdeaScale How-To Guide.pdf

Dear Colleague:

We invite you to attend our 5th National Disability Forum to discuss **“Exploring Opportunities for 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 delivery. “Telemedicine” involves clinical services provided by interactive communication, between a patient and a practitioner at different locations. We are eager to hear your input on how telemedicine might be able to help us better serve individuals with disabilities and improve our programs.

When Is the National Disability Forum?

The National Disability Forum is scheduled for **Thursday, October 27, 2016** from **1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the **National Education Association** located at **1201 16th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.** The forum is also **available via teleconference.**

Who are the Speakers?

Dr. David Brennan, Director, Telehealth Initiatives at the MedStar Institute for Innovation will be the keynote speaker. Other speakers include:

- Alan H. Dinesman, M.D., Medical Officer, Office of Disability and Medical Assessment Affairs
- Kathy Wibberly, Ph.D., Director, Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center at University of Maryland System
- Harrison Tyner, President & CEO, We Counsel Solutions, LLC
- Scott Baker, Business Innovations Manager, InSight Telepsychiatry

Register Now!

[Register](#) by Monday, October 25th, 2016 if you plan to attend the forum either in-person or by virtual invitation with other colleagues who may be interested.

Join the Online Discussion

In addition, we are seeking input for the questions below on telehealth and telemedicine through the online engagement site from now through November 18th, 2016. IdeaScale is an online tool where

thoughts and ideas with others and respond to their comments. Please refer to the attached instructions.

- How can we use telemedicine and/or telehealth in the development of claims to better disability?
- How can telehealth help expedite the timely assessment of disability claims at all levels?
- How else might we use telemedicine and/or telehealth to improve the administration of claims? What factors should we consider?

To learn more about the National Disability Forum series, visit us at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>. For questions, 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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