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### CURRENT NEWS AND UPDATES

#### American Occupational Therapy Association Releases “Analysis of Rehabilitation and Habilitation in Qualified Health Plans”

This week, the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) released a new report, “Analysis of Rehabilitation and Habilitation in Qualified Health Plans.” The analysis looks at how the Affordable Care Act has covered the required 10 categories of health care services (more commonly referred to as essential health benefits, or EHBs). More specifically, the analysis focuses on the rehabilitative and habilitative services and devices. [View the report to learn more.](#)

#### White House Holds Event on Employment for People with Disabilities

On Tuesday, the White House honored ten individuals from across the country for their work to expand employment

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opportunities for people with disabilities. [View the “Champions of Change”](#) and learn more about this initiative from The White House.

### **Federal Budget Deficit Decreases to \$486 Billion**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) announced last week that due to rising tax receipts and slower spending growth, the estimated deficit of fiscal year (FY) 2014 has been reduced to \$486 billion. This is the lowest the federal deficit has been since FY 2008. In 2009, the federal deficit hit a record high of \$1.4 trillion. [Read on from \*The Los Angeles Times\*.](#)

### ***ON THE HORIZON***

### **Social Security Ticket to Work Program to Hold Webinar**

On October 22, 2014 from 3-4:30 pm EST, the Social Security Ticket to Work program will hold a webinar for people who are receiving Social Security Disability Benefits who want to go back to work. [Register here](#), or call 1-866-968-7842 or 866-833-2967(TTY) with any questions.

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