

Updates on Myalgic Encephomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) Activities

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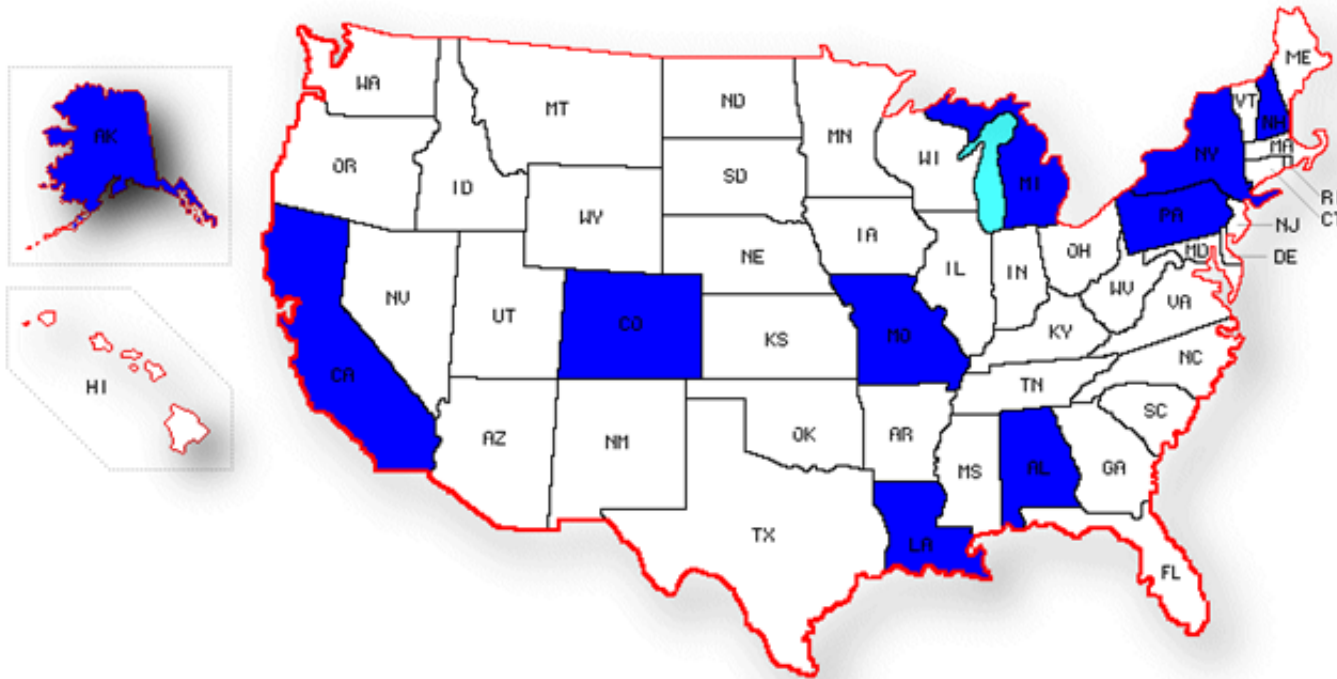
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Action Items From December 2017 Meeting

- Availability of continuing medical education (CME) video on CFS
- Statistics on drop-offs in CFS determinations by state
- Identify Prototype states
- Resources used to inform SSA ME/CFS policy

Prototype States

■ Prototype State



- Full Prototype states include: Alaska, Colorado, Missouri, Louisiana, Alabama, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Hampshire.
- California is running Prototype in the Los Angeles West and Los Angeles North branches only

SSA ME/CFS Policy - References

- We were asked for reference materials we have used to inform our ME/CFS policy
- Our most specific policy devoted solely to ME/CFS is a Social Security Ruling (SSR), which explains how we evaluate the impairment of CFS
- The last update to our SSR explaining how we evaluate ME/CFS was published in 2014 as SSR 14-1p, available at:
https://www.ssa.gov/OP_Home/rulings/di/01/SSR2014-01-di-01.html
- We have provided a list of references we consulted to CFSAC
- Additional references are also available in the footnotes of the SSR

Accomplishments Since December 2017 and Current Work

- Updated fact sheet for medical professionals to reflect name of ME/CFS
- Working with CDC to update their page on the ME/CFS website related to SSA disability programs
- Revising SSR and fact sheet to reflect ME/CFS terminology and consistency with current CDC position and 2015 IOM report
- Continuing to survey the research landscape for any updates

Questions

