HIBISCUS ROOM - A (PART I)
Assistive Technology in Schools: More Than a Good IDEA!
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Abstract
Assistive technology devices and services are vital tools for helping students with disabilities access and benefit from their education. The importance of assistive technology in the educational area is underscored by the requirement in the 1997 reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) that school districts must "consider" assistive technology for students in special education programs. Accordingly, stakeholders, (students, teachers, therapists, parents, school administrators, etc.), must understand what assistive technology is and how it can be used to enable students to meaningfully participate in a range of school-related activities in order to achieve positive educational outcomes.

This presentation will describe assistive technology devices and services in the context of school-based applications and relevant legislation, explore a meaningful framework for assessment of assistive technology needs, and discuss a best practice model for effective assistive technology service delivery for school districts and school personnel.

Learning Outcomes
Participants will be able to:
1. Identify the range of assistive technology devices and services appropriate to educational settings.
2. Describe how assistive technology can be used in educational settings to help students achieve their IEP goals and objectives.
3. Understand a model for making assistive technology decisions that effectively address student needs.
4. State the school district's roles and responsibilities for delivering assistive technology services.
5. Describe the six (6) Quality Indicators for Assistive Technology (QIAT) and their implications for improving the quality of school-based assistive technology services.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: Since this is a 2-hour session, Ms. Oberstein will continue her second part (Part II) for her presentation right here at Hibiscus Room - A starting at 10:30 am and ending at 12:00 noon.

HIBISCUS ROOM - B
Assistive Technology and Services
Devices Covered by Government Health Insurance
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Abstract
The presenter will give an overview of who are eligible to this government health insurance and the requirement to become a member.

Assistive Technology devices and services covered by the program will be discussed. After the presentation, the presenter will entertain questions regarding the presentation.

Learning Outcomes
Participants will be able to:
1. Know the benefits of members enrolled in this insurance program.
2. Identify and be knowledgeable in AT devices and services covered by the government health insurance program.