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# LAKESHORE

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To: National Quality Forum

Re: **Public Comment – Draft MAP Workgroup Report – Medicaid Adult Measures**

The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation write in support of the NQF draft report on Medicaid adult measures.

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) ([www.aahd.us](http://www.aahd.us)) is a national non-profit organization of public health professionals, both practitioners and academics, with a primary concern for persons with disabilities. The AAHD mission is to advance health promotion and wellness initiatives for persons with disabilities.

The Lakeshore Foundation ([www.lakeshore.org](http://www.lakeshore.org)) mission is to enable people with physical disability and chronic health conditions to lead healthy, active, and independent lifestyles through physical activity, sport, recreation and research. Lakeshore is a U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Site; the UAB/Lakeshore Research Collaborative is a world-class research program in physical activity, health promotion and disability linking Lakeshore's programs with the University of Alabama, Birmingham's research expertise.

Specifically:

- (1) Of the 4 additions proposed to the adult core measure set, we applaud and fully support the addition of the **CAHPS HCBS Experience Survey**. See: pages 5, 14-15, and 48-50.
- (2) We appreciate the Measure Gap Areas & Prioritization & Prioritization Criterion: See pages 11, 15-17, and 53; and the Social Determinants of Health discussion: See page 19.
- (3) **CQL Personal Outcome Measures**: (for future consideration) (page 15): Thank you for arranging this presentation and including in the draft report. The paragraph states that the Personal Outcome Measures tool has not been validated. CQL did actually just perform a revalidation this year. The citation is: Friedman, C. (2017). *The Personal Outcome Measures*<sup>®</sup> 2017: Measuring outcomes now and into the future. Towson, MD: The Council on Quality and Leadership.

CQL also has a manuscript with the validation findings under review. Friedman, C. (2017). *The Personal Outcome Measures*<sup>®</sup>. Manuscript under review.

- (4) **National Core Indicators**: The NQF committee on HCBS, workgroup on persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, and committee on Medicaid innovation have each discussed the potential use of the National Core Indicators. While not discussed at the May NQF Medicaid adult measures meeting, we believe that both POM and NCI should be referred, together, whenever one is mentioned. They are consistent and mutually reinforcing approaches, each with over 2 decades of experience (recognizing their purpose and application vary).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Clarke Ross at [clarkeross10@comcast.net](mailto:clarkeross10@comcast.net).

Sincerely,



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