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To: National Quality Forum

Re: **Public Comment – Draft MAP Workgroup Report – Persons Dually Eligible for Medicare and Medicaid**

The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation write in support of the NQF draft report on persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

The American Association on Health and Disability (AAHD) (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) 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 regarding the draft report and persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid:

CAHPS HCBS Experience Survey (pages 8-9 & 16-17): The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation enthusiastically endorse and support the workgroup’s recommended endorsement and inclusion in the “starter set” of the CAHPS Home-and-Community-Based Services (HCBS) Experience Survey.

Other Issues of Particular Interest: The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation are very pleased to see the following items included in the report: (1) Page 8 – discharge to the community; (2) Pages 9-10 – high priority gaps – repeated from previous years; (3) Page 10 – NQF behavioral health project summary; (4) Pages 10-11 – NQF disparities project summary; (5) Pages 11-14 & 19-20 – HHS ASPE socio-demographic factor analysis; (6) Page 13 – National Core Indicators mentioned; (7) Pages 14-16 – NIDILRR & ACL funded University of MN project summary; and (8) Page 17 – coordination and integration as a strategic issue. Where the National Core Indicators are mentioned (page 13), it would be nice to also see the Personal Outcome Measures mentioned (as presented at the May meeting of the MAP workgroup on Medicaid adult measures and as considered and mentioned by other previous NQF reports).

Engagement with the NQF: The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation join Community Catalyst emphasizing the active engagement in all NQF forums and entities – of participants, beneficiaries, consumers, and patients; their families; their advocates; and non-medical community-based organizations. We are concerned that with the termination of the MAP workgroup on persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, such engagement has been significantly diminished within NQF.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Clarke Ross at clarkross10@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



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