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[By e-mail; no letterhead]

Dear Tim and Colleagues:

Thank you again for continuing to convene an open and transparent quarterly CMS MMCO stakeholders meeting.

The Disability and Aging Collaborative (DAC) created a quality advocacy workgroup – facilitated by Alice Dembner of Community Catalyst – with Joe Caldwell, Anne Montgomery, and Clarke Ross.

As discussed at the October 22 MMCO stakeholders meeting, 9 months ago Clarke Ross asked MMCO to analyze the CAHPS HCBS experience survey elements to determine which, if any, could be incorporated into the CMS MMCO duals demonstrations as part of their evaluations. At the October 22 meeting, Clarke asked for an update on our earlier request.

We understood Paul's MMCO response: RTI (MMCO evaluator contractor) analyzed both CAHPS HCBS experience and NASUAD NCI. NASUAD and RTI concluded that NCI-AD is more appropriate than CAHPS HCBS for the duals demos. We respectfully request a copy of the RTI analysis/report.

We are writing seeking measure-specific information on which CAHPS HCBS and NCI-AD measures might be considered for inclusion in the duals demos. We continue to support the potential of the CAHPS HCBS experience survey. We also would like to know if the RTI analysis included the NCI-ID/DD, CQL POM, and Mathematica-NCQA measures. Any information you can provide would be very helpful.

We also want to encourage MMCO to suggest that CMS develop and implement a measure-specific CAHPS HCBS data collection (and reporting) system. This was discussed by CMS at the May 2018 NQF Medicaid adult measures meeting and at Monday's MMCO meeting.

Many thanks for your consideration and your work.

Feel free to respond to Clarke Ross ([clarkeross10@comcast.net](mailto:clarkeross10@comcast.net)).

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