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AAHD - Dedicated to better health for people with disabilities through health promotion and wellness



LAKESHORE

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**Re: NQF Primary Care and Chronic Illness:
March 30 Draft Report for Public Comment**

To; National Quality Forum public comment portal:

The American Association on Health and Disability and the Lakeshore Foundation appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

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. AAHD is specifically dedicated to integrating public health and disability into the overall public health agenda.

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.

We write to support the NQF endorsement and support for:

#3568 – Person-Centered Primary Care Patient Reported Measure Set

#3166 – Sickle Cell Disease

#3595 – Sickle Cell Disease

Person-Centered, Person-Reported Experiences are a top priority of the disability movement, reflected in the work of the Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD), Task Force on Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS); and, the Disability and Aging Collaborative (DAC).

Through the work of the CDC National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), the disability consequences of Sickle Cell Disease are better recognized and studied.

We wanted to reinforce the NQF work on these measures.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please contact Clarke Ross at clarkeross10@comcast.net.

Sincerely,



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(<http://promoteacceptance.samhsa.gov/10by10/>).

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