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# LAKESHORE

**AAHD and Lakeshore Foundation Priority Areas.  
CMS Leadership Disability Policy Discussion.  
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## **1. Non-Traditional Workers – Community-Based; Lived Experience Framework**

AAHD and Lakeshore Foundation have focused on Non-traditional workers – community-based, non-medical credentialed, and a lived-experience framework serving persons with disabilities, aged individuals requiring long-term services and supports (LTSS), persons with mental illness and substance use disorder, persons served in the Medicaid home-and-community-based services (HCBS) programs, and persons with co-occurring conditions including those with chronic health conditions. Supported important role of community health workers (CHWs), in the context of these other workers.

We have recently met with the HHS OMH; HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; SAMHSA and shared summaries with ACL. [The HHS CHW sustainability workgroup.]

Different DC-based public policy coalitions are focused on largely single occupational categories.

Consortium for Constituents with Disabilities (CCD): DSPs (Direct Support Professionals) and Medicaid HCBS workforce.

Disability and Aging Collaborative (DAC): LTSS workforce, including Medicaid HCBS.

Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG): MH/BH peer support workers (certified peer specialists)

Linkage with ASTHO on community health workers.

AAHD and Lakeshore Foundation objective: have each of these worker categories and coalitions knowledgeable and supportive of these other worker categories.

## **2. Program Silos Failing to Effectively Serve Persons with Co-Occurring Conditions**

I am the father of a 32 year old son who is a client of the Maryland DD system, receiving Medicaid HCBS services, who lives with co-occurring mental illness and significant gastro-intestinal disease. He is typical of millions of persons with co-occurring conditions.

We applaud ACL for launching last fall a revised and expanded center focused on persons with co-occurring ID/DD and mental illness.

Similar efforts need to be made focused on: Persons with Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorder; Persons with Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Chronic Medical Conditions; Persons with Co-Occurring Mental Health and Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities; Persons with Co-Occurring Behavioral Health Conditions and Disabilities.

Related Concerns and Issues: effectively serving persons dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

Related Concerns and Issues: widely implementing evidence-based models integrating behavioral health-general health-primary care.

Sharing effective approaches in each of these areas with the other areas.

## **2a. Quality Measures Currently Considered To Assist in Better Serving Persons with Co-Occurring Conditions**

1. CMS Medicaid Home-and-Community-Based Services (HCBS) quality measures, including CMS guidance.

Discharge From Inpatient Facilities To Home-Based Setting for Medicaid Participants: Public Comments by May 24. April 25 Lewin Group for CMS and NCQA quality measure framework for public comment.

Supporting Independence and Inclusion Through a Community Participation Measure. April 21 ACL sponsored Commit To Connect project webinar featuring a Temple Univ CCI participation measure set.

CAHPS HCBS; NCI and NCI-AD; and POM measure sets.

2. Mathematica for CMS – Medicaid and CHIP Core Quality Measures: 2022 meeting: rejected - LTSS (Including HCBS) Care Plan Transmitted to the Patient’s Primary Care Practitioner. [And Primary Care Record shared with LTSS/HCBS providers].

3. American Board of Family Medicine (CQMC-NQF #3617)  
Primary Care Provider Continuity of Care  
NQF MAP and CQMC consideration.
4. American Board of Family Medicine (CQM-NQF #3568)  
Person-Centered Primary Care Patient-Reported Outcome (PRO) Measure  
NQF MAP and CQM consideration.
5. CAHPS Experience of Care Measure in Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals and Units [MUC2022-78). NQF MAP consideration; NAMI and MHA advocacy issues.
6. Cross-Setting LTSS Discharge [MUC2022-83,85,86,87]; Home Health Discharge to the Community [02943 and 02944]; Functional Assessments and Care Plans in LTSS discharge [05853]. NQF MAP consideration
7. Screen Positive for Social Drivers of Health (MUC2022-050); Screen Positive for Health-Related Social Need and Resulting Contact with a Community Provider [MUC2022-098]; and Resolution of at least one

health-related social need within 12 months [MUC2022-111]. NQF MAP  
and CQMC consideration

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