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AAHD and Lakeshore Foundation Priority Quality Measurement Areas; in response to NCQA Consumer Advisory Committee and Public Sector Advisory Council Meeting; May 2, 2023

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[Father, 32 year old son – client of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities system living with co-occurring mental illness and chronic physical health condition.] [Member: 2012-March 2023 – NQF MAP committees]

What Keeps Me Up at Night

Program Silos – receiving appropriate community based personal supports by the disability system but still searching for effective mental illness treatment and treatment of a serious and chronic physical illness.

3 Top Quality Measures Priorities:

[Actual Measures are Below]

1. Linking programmatically and with quality measures – linking Medicaid HCBS (Home and Community Based Services) and Medicaid LTSS (long term services and supports) with/to primary care and general health.

- 2. Bi-directional behavioral health-general health-primary care integration BH in general health and primary care; and, general health and primary care in BH settings.
- 3. Standardized social drivers of health screening and responding services/supports in Medicaid HCBS, Medicaid LTSS, and Medicaid, Medicare, and other general health and primary care settings.

Quality Measures Priorities:

- 1. Continuing Advocacy, Collaboration, and Monitoring of CAHPS HCBS; NCI; NCI-AD; and POM quality measurements and state public programs use.
- 2. 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.

3. Mathematica for CMS – Medicaid and CHIP Core Quality Measures: April 26 motions to delete depression screening and CAHPS experience of care measures; motions to delete rejected.

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].

- 4. NQF MAP and CQMC behavioral health measures. State Use of Behavioral Health Performance Measures in Medicaid Managed Care Contracting April 18 National Academy for State Health Policy shared materials.
- 5. American Board of Family Medicine (CQMC-NQF #3617)

Primary Care Provider Continuity of Care NQF MAP and CQMC consideration.

- 6. American Board of Family Medicine (CQM-NQF #3568)
 Person-Centered Primary Care Patient-Reported Outcome (PRO) Measure
 NQF MAP and CQM consideration.
- 7. CAHPS Experience of Care Measure in Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitals and Units [MUC2022-78). NQF MAP consideration; NAMI and MHA advocacy issues.
- 8. 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
- 9. 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

RE: NCQA Community Health Workers White Paper

AAHD and Lakeshore Foundation to Senate Committee on HELP, and, PCORI (March 2023): Focus on Non-traditional workers – community-based, non-medical credentialled, 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.

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, ACL, HHS Secretary and OMH, HHS ASH, and SAMHSA.

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

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