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LAKESHORE

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Re: NQF MAP Cross-Cutting Guidance for Comment

RE: Measure Applications Partnership

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.

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 appreciate and reinforce the significance and importance of 2 of the proposed 6 "high value measures." Specifically, we commend the NQF for identifying:

2. Item 2 – “Patient-reported outcomes where the patient provides the data about their treatment, level of function, and health status.”

3. Item 3 – “Measures addressing patient experience, care coordination, population health, quality of life, and impact on equity.”

We further reinforce and fully support the NQF MAP focus on understanding the role of social risk.

Our comments have been successfully submitted through the NQF comment portal.

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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<http://www.healthit.gov/policy-researchers-implementers/federal-advisory-committees-facas/consumer-empowerment-workgroup>). Member, SAMHSA Wellness Campaign National Steering Committee – January 2011-September 2014.

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