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LAKE SHORE

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Re: Medicare Advantage Plans – Health Outcomes Survey (HOS) Measures [CMS-2020-0003]

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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 write to support expanding the existing Health Outcomes Survey Measures (HOS) (improving or maintaining physical health and mental health) to persons under the age of 65 years. Medicare and its various plans are important resources for persons with significant

disabilities under the age of 65, including those who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid.

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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