

March 25, 2019

Re: Core Quality Measures Collaborative, March Draft Report for Public Comment:

"Approaches to Future Core Set Prioritization":

Submitted electronically through the National Quality Forum Website

Dear Committee Advisors:

We are writing on behalf of the Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Task Force of the Consortium of Citizens with Disabilities (CCD). CCD is the largest coalition of national organizations working together to advocate for federal public policy that ensures the self-determination, independence, empowerment, integration and inclusion of children and adults with disabilities in all aspects of society. The LTSS Task Force focuses on ensuring that people with disabilities and aging adults have access to the LTSS, particularly Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), they need to live, work and participate in their communities.

We are writing to express our disappointment that the draft report does not recommend including any measures that focus on LTSS or HCBS, or even on disability services more generally. The stated purpose of the document is to "identify the most meaningful health care performance measures." Unfortunately, the most meaningful health care performance measures for people with disabilities and older adults are simply not included. We strongly recommend that the Committee revisit its recommendations and consider adding measures around LTSS, and particularly HCBS, to the core measure set.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions. We appreciate your considering our comments.

Thank you,

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