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RE: Feedback on Release of Measures Under Consideration List for 2025 Review Cycle

The Defeat Malnutrition Today Coalition appreciates the opportunity to submit comments in response to the release of the FY 2027 MUC List and specifically **in support of the proposal to adopt the Low Density Lipoprotein Cholesterol (LDL-C) Monitoring and Management MUC2025-034 in the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).**

Defeat Malnutrition Today is a coalition of over 130 members committed to defeating older adult malnutrition across the continuum of care. We are a diverse alliance working to achieve a greater focus on nutrition screening, diagnosis, and intervention through regulatory and/or legislative change across the nation's health care system.

Nutrition is a core component of addressing cardiovascular disease and Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) provided by registered dietitian nutritionists (RDNs) is a critical component of LDL-C management, with evidence demonstrating [clinically meaningful reductions](#) in LDL-C. The Malnutrition Care Score mirrors the well-established clinical workflows of RDNs in the provision of nutrition care to adults and this measure captures data on the high-quality nutrition care already being provided by RDNs, so it is easily adaptable to this measure.

By focusing on both monitoring and achievement of LDL-C targets, this measure allows flexibility in how care teams support patients in reaching their goal and inclusion of this measure would encourage earlier identification of gaps in lipid control, reinforce evidence-based management approaches such as MNT, and support patient-centered, outcomes-driven care. Please let us know if we can provide you with any further information at rblancato@matzblancato.com

Sincerely,



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