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Merit based Incentive Payment System for LDL-C

The Alliance for Aging Research strongly supports implementation of an LDL-C monitoring and management measure. We agree this effort would align with the Administration's MAHA goals to address chronic illnesses through early detection, intervention, and management. Age is a significant risk factor for Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease (ASCVD). ASCVD remains a leading cause of mortality in the United States, yet despite proven interventions to monitor and manage LDL-C, inadequate control of LDL-C levels remains a persistent problem. Because the majority of ASCVD patients have uncontrolled LDL-C levels we must prioritize establishment of evidence-based guidelines and build consensus on the critical importance of LDL-C management to reduce risk of ASCVD. A new measure would create incentives for more consistent treatment. More consistent management and monitoring of LDL-C will not only improve health outcomes among millions of patients at-risk for ASCVD, it will also serve to reduce the financial cost of preventable and often catastrophic events and hospital readmissions across at-risk Medicare populations.