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MALNUTRITION CONNECTION

Providing Malnutrition Awareness and Advocacy Information to Share

CMS includes Global Malnutrition Composite Score Measure in FY 23 Hospital Inpatient Proposed Rule; Provides Opportunity to Comment!

Representing a significant step forward in addressing the crisis of malnutrition among older Americans, the draft [Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) rule](#) for Fiscal Year 2023 – recently proposed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) – includes the [Global Malnutrition Composite Score](#) measure as an optional measure!

The Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure is a compelling and comprehensive tool for assessing quality hospital care for older patients (aged 65+) at risk of malnutrition and can help to both [advance](#) health equity and better [quantify](#) nutrition care. If in the CMS final IPPS rule, the measure would be the first nutrition-focused quality measure included in any CMS payment program.

To ensure that the Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure is included in the final CMS IPPS rule expected to be adopted this fall, it's **important that CMS hears from malnutrition stakeholders from across the US** during its public comment period, which is now open and ends on June 17!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Submit a Comment to CMS and Share this Information with Your Networks!

- You can submit electronic comments at this [comment period link](#). (Select “COMMENT” and follow the instructions).
- Please refer to **file code CMS-1771-P** in your comments.
- Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on June 17, 2022.

Comment Components:

Comments do not need to be long or formal to be effective; they can simply state your support of the measure and why it matters to you.

- Reference the issue: *commenting in support of the Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure (file code CMS-1771-P)*
- Introduce yourself/your organization and share why addressing malnutrition is important to you
- State why the Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure is needed (*see links below for resources to help you with this section if needed*)
- Thank CMS for the opportunity to comment.



Resources for More Information and to Help You Draft Your Comments:

- Check out this [summary](#) from Avalere Health, who developed and tested the Global Malnutrition Composite Score measure.
- See this [action alert](#) from Defeat Malnutrition Today for more detailed suggestions.
- Share this Defeat Malnutrition [action alert](#) with your networks to increase comments submitted.