

Wound Care Stakeholders

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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Blvd
Baltimore, Maryland 21244

Dear Sirs,

The Alliance of Wound Care Stakeholders (“Alliance”) is pleased to submit the attached PQRI quality measure for documentation of support surface or offloading of patients with stage III or IV pressure ulcers. The Alliance is a 501 (c) (6) multidisciplinary trade association consisting of 19 physician, clinical, provider, and patient organizations, whose mission is to promote quality care and patient access to wound care products and services. This measure was written with the advice of Alliance organizations that not only possess expert knowledge in complex acute and chronic wounds, but also in wound care and research. A list of organizations that comprise the Alliance is available on our website at www.woundcarestakeholders.org.

The candidate measure is in the **Public Domain** and has been developed based on national practice guidelines.

The Alliance has no commercial interest in this measure. None of our clinical organization members are entities which produce health care goods or services. We have no financial relationships, nor do any of our members have intellectual interest in this measure (no voting members have been principle investigators in studies serving as the basis for this measure.)

The Alliance understands that there are requirements and expectations for the measure owner in order to finalize these measures for inclusion in the program, and that there are additional on-going requirements and expectations for measure owners to maintain their measures.

The Alliance plans on performing the appropriate measure testing and validation and submitting the test results to the NQF for endorsement.

Yours sincerely,



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