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Re: Home- and Community-Based Services Quality Committee Roster

Dear Ms. Feldman,

On behalf of the Alzheimer's Association, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the National Quality Forum's (NQF) Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Quality Proposed Committee Roster.

As you know, the number of individuals affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias is set to skyrocket, with as many as 13.8 million by 2050.¹ With this growing population and its preference to remain in their homes and communities,² it is critical that HCBS be of the highest quality. The Association is pleased to see the aging community--aging being the greatest risk factor for dementia--represented on the committee.

We look forward to working with NQF and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on this important issue as it relates to persons with dementia and their families. Please do not hesitate to contact Laura Thornhill, Manager of Regulatory Affairs at 202/638-7042 or lthornhill@alz.org if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Egge", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Egge
Executive Vice President

¹ Alzheimer's Association. (2014). *2014 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures*.

² Ibid.