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General Comment

This comment is regarding the Notice by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Document ID CDC-2022-0011-0001): Assessment for the Get Ahead of Sepsis Consumer Campaign 2022-01885.

The proposed pre-post evaluation surrounding the Get Ahead of Sepsis (GAOS) Consumer Campaign is an excellent method of gathering objective data that will inform future implementation of the campaign. Sepsis is a serious, life-threatening condition that does not cease to impact survivors once it is over. A team of healthcare practitioners help sepsis survivors move forward and adapt to the long-lasting effects of sepsis. Occupational therapists are essential members of this team that not only work to minimize the effects following sepsis, but also are part of the care team trained in preventing and identifying signs of sepsis from the beginning. The field of occupational therapy is driven by the evidence-based approach of occupation to promote meaningful engagement, improved quality of life, and well-being. Occupational therapy practitioners can serve as a valuable resource of information regarding the target consumer population for the proposed evaluation. Occupational therapists can be found playing a role on the patient's team in all skilled settings throughout the sepsis process (e.g., acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, long-term care facilities, home health). As such, I ask the committee to consider adding occupational therapy practitioners to the healthcare practitioner audience group for the evaluation as occupational therapists play a vital role in providing care for patients with/at-risk-of/post- sepsis.

Sincerely,

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