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Dear Dr. Tripathi:

On behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), representing 127,600 family physicians and medical students across the country, I write to submit comments in support of including pregnancy intention screening in the United States Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI).

Last year, Upstream submitted an [application](#) for the Pregnancy Intention Screening Question (PISQ) to be included in the USCDI. **The AAFP supports this application and encourages the committee to re-evaluate this data element's level.** PISQ is an important component of reproductive health workflows, and its inclusion in USCDI will further support access to person-centered reproductive health care.

Prepregnancy care is individualized care for people considering pregnancy, which focuses on reducing morbidity and mortality for the patient and fetus, increasing the chances of conception when pregnancy is desired, and providing contraceptive counseling to help prevent unintended pregnancies. The AAFP [supports](#) prepregnancy care as it offers family physicians and their patients an opportunity to discuss any risk factors, minimize them before pregnancy, and work toward improved pregnancy-related and fetal outcomes.

The AAFP [supports](#) robust data sets with uniform standards and a national system of interoperability to facilitate efficient information sharing between patients, their family physicians, and their care team. **Including the PISQ in the USCDI will improve data sharing, care coordination and shared decision making between patients and their primary care physicians.**

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Yinger, Manager of Regulatory Affairs at [myinger@aafp.org](mailto:myinger@aafp.org).

Sincerely,

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