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**ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee**

U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard  
Baltimore, MD 21244

Dear ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee:

The Critical Care Societies Collaborative (CCSC) strongly supports the proposal for a new ICD-10-CM, 'Z51.2 – Encounter for Sepsis Aftercare,' submitted by the University of Pennsylvania. We have reviewed the proposal and heard a presentation from the submitting entity. We believe there is a need for this code, and it will improve public health by identifying a growing population of sepsis survivors and facilitating provision of relevant clinical services to reduce the well-known, health-related risks in post-acute care settings (e.g., re-hospitalization, complications, and functional/cognitive deficits). We look forward to your considered review and ultimate approval of this request.

The Critical Care Societies Collaborative (CCSC) is a unique partnership comprises the four major professional and scientific societies whose members care for America's critically ill and injured; The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, the American College of CHEST Physicians, the American Thoracic Society, and the Society of Critical Care Medicine. The CCSC leverages its collective and multi-professional expertise through communication, education, research, and advocacy efforts. The CCSC speaks with a unified voice representing nearly 200,000 critical care professionals to bring important issues to the forefront in public policy and in the healthcare arena.

Sincerely,

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