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Dear Dr. Schyve:

As the Associate Director of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, MidContinental Region, I want to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed changes in the hospital accreditation manual for the health science libraries in our region. We are very concerned about the proposed elimination of the standard I.M.5.10 and the changes to standard I.M.4.10. We understand that the concepts in I.M.5.10 will be integrated into the other accreditation chapters. We believe it is critical that this integration precede the elimination of standard I.M.5.10 in order to provide continuous standards for evidence-based information and practice.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region is actively concerned with the quality of healthcare provided in our region's hospitals, and the contributions of our region's health science libraries and librarians to that healthcare. The information environment is both challenging and complex. Highly trained and skilled personnel and high quality resources to support the decisions and actions of healthcare practitioners work toward guaranteeing high quality health care. Including evidence-based information resources and services in hospital standards ensures that hospital physicians and staff have access to the information that supports the required quality of care.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. If you would care to discuss these issues in greater depth, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. Hamasu".

Claire Hamasu
Associate Director