**[\*INSERT date\*]**

ICD-10-CM/PCS Coordination and Maintenance Committee

National Center for Health Statistics

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Road Atlanta, GA 30329-4027

**RE: Letter of support for new ICD-10-CM code proposal for L30.81 Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome (TSW)**

Dear ICD-10-CM/PCS Coordination and Maintenance Committee Members:

[First paragraph should introduce yourself and give a short but honest/impactful description of your experience with TSW including symptoms, how TSW was different from eczema and how it affected your quality of life (did you have to quit work or school? Were you bedridden? Costs?)]

[Second paragraph should explain challenges you experienced around getting a TSW diagnosis and appropriate medical care, and why having a diagnostic code is essential for proper reporting of TSW as well as getting needed assistance through insurance coverage, disability, considerations around school or work, threat of child protection services, etc.]

The introduction of a new ICD-10-CM code for TSW would provide much needed assistance to patients in providing a distinct diagnosis requiring cessation of topical steroid treatment and specific therapies, as well as access to insurance and disability coverage, helping to improve health outcomes. Additionally, the availability of a specific code would enable healthcare providers to precisely report TSW cases, improving efforts to establish the true incidence and prevalence of the condition. A specific code would also increase awareness among healthcare providers about the existence and significance of TSW as a potential complication of topical corticosteroid use, thereby guiding more judicious prescribing of topical steroids and prevention of TSW.

In summary, I strongly support an ICD-10-CM code proposal for **L30.81 Topical Steroid Withdrawal Syndrome, and request that a distinct code for TSW be approved.** Adoption of this code has the potential to significantly improve patient care and quality of life.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

Email address