Work with your QIN-QIO to Improve Antibiotic Stewardship

Under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Great Plains Quality Innovation Network invites you to participate in the quality improvement initiative: Combatting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria through Antibiotic Stewardship.

Part of the task of CMS’ quality improvement program in this arena will be to spread the principles of antibiotic stewardship among recruited outpatient settings at the point of care, where the antibiotics are being prescribed.

Quality Improvement Organizations (QIO) have been working on antibiotic stewardship together in concert with work on preventing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and also have a strong history of working in communities to facilitate transitions of care.

The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of outpatient settings that have incorporated all Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship.

**Benefits**

**You will...**
- Receive education for outpatient settings on the fundamentals of Antibiotic Stewardship (AS) and the risks of misuse/overuse of antibiotics in healthcare and food production
- Receive education on the Core Elements of Outpatient AS, education for patients on AS, and antibiotics in healthcare and food production
- Gain experience in assessing and determining which Core Elements of AS are in place and/or needed
- Acquire tools to assess for and implement AS
- Have an opportunity to participate in a multi-disciplinary advisory team on AS
- Network with and learn from other experts in your state and the country working together on AS
- Participate in Learning and Action Network (LAN) activities that promote and spread best practices in AS in outpatient settings

**Expectations**

**You will...**
- Agree to remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Agree to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate all Core Elements of Outpatient AS into practice
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Participate in LAN events, other education sessions, webinars, and conference
- Share results, best practices, and lessons learned
Participation Agreement Antibiotic Stewardship

We would like to participate in the Great Plains Quality Innovation Network Combatting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria through Antibiotic Stewardship initiative. We understand the expectations for this cooperative project and agree to participate fully through July 2019. This is a long-term commitment to work on improving antibiotic stewardship strategies in our outpatient setting. We commit to:

- Remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Grant permission to Great Plains Quality Innovation Network to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate all Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship into practice
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Participate in LAN events, other collaborative education sessions, conference calls and webinars
- Share results, best practices and lessons learned

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Please return your completed participation agreement to the appropriate contact and keep a copy for your records.

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