



Antibiotic Stewardship in Outpatient Settings

Participation Agreement

Qualis Health, through work with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), invites you to participate in the quality improvement initiative: Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria through Antibiotic Stewardship in Outpatient Settings.

The CMS quality improvement program is centered on spreading 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 project is to increase the number of outpatient settings that have incorporated all of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship¹

Our facility commits to:

- Remain active in this initiative from August 2017 through July 2019
- Grant permission to Qualis Health to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate all Core Elements of Outpatient AMS into practice
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Participate in LAN events, other education sessions, webinars and conference calls
- Share results, best practices, and lessons learned

Qualis Health commits to:

- Provide education for outpatient settings on the fundamentals of Antibiotic Stewardship (AMS) and the risks of misuse/overuse of antibiotics
- Provide education on the Core Elements of Outpatient and patient education on AMS
- Work with you to determine which Core Elements of AMS are in place and/or needed
- Provide tools to help and improve your AMS project
- Offer an opportunity to participate in a multidisciplinary advisory teams on AMS
- Have a network to learn from other experts in your state and the country working together on AMS
- Participate in Learning and Action Network (LAN) activities that promote and spread best practices in AS in outpatient settings

Please enter your facility name, provider number and address:

Facility Name: _____

Identification Number (each if applicable): TIN _____ CCN _____ NPI _____

Clinic/Outpatient Location Address: _____

Hospital System Address (if applicable): _____

¹ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship
<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/rr/pdfs/rr6506.pdf>



To protect confidentiality of data each party will be bound by §1160 of the Social Security Act, Federal Regulations at 42CFR 480, the Health Insurance and Portability Act, (HIPAA) at 45CFR 164, and any additional confidentiality requirements of CMS. No party will release, disclose or publish information or reports received as a result of being a party to this project in a manner inconsistent with federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Qualis Health will adhere to the 'Qualis Health Confidentiality and Security of Information Policy' and the 'Medicare Protocol for the Confidentiality and Release of Information and Documents' that govern the handling of confidential and business-sensitive information. Copies of these documents are available upon request.

Required signatures

OUTPATIENT SETTING CLINICAL LEAD (*i.e., executive administrator, or owner who will commit to engage staff, etc.*)

Signature	Printed Name	Date
Contact Information (telephone and email address)		

OUTPATIENT PROJECT LEAD (*staff to oversee and/or coordinate the program and activities at the point of care*)

Signature	Printed Name	Date
Contact Information (telephone and email address)		

Please return your completed participation agreement to Qualis Health and keep a copy for your records. Fax, or scan and email to:

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