



## OHIO NURSING HOME QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative

#### Description:

The National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NNHQCC) is sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and coordinated in Ohio by Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG), the Medicare Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO). The NNHQCC in Ohio aims to lay the foundation for making sustainable change in nursing homes. This collaborative aligns national nursing home quality partnerships, such as the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes Campaign, the CMS Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes, as well as the Quality Assurance & Performance Improvement (QAPI) initiative to improve the quality of life and care for residents. The NNHQCC also aligns with the 2012 CMS Nursing Home Action Plan and supports its five actionable strategies.

Topics of focus within the Ohio NNHQCC include reducing antipsychotics, falls, urinary tract infections, and pressure ulcers. Additionally, participating nursing homes will also work to improve staff turnover rates and consistent assignment. Expected outcomes include rapid, large-scale improvements in nursing home care processes and their associated outcomes. Every nursing home in Ohio is encouraged to be involved in this voluntary "all teach, all learn" effort.

#### How to Join:

Nursing homes must contact HSAG to join the NNHQCC project.

#### Brief Description of Required Activities:

- Agree to remain active in the NNHQCC (through July 2019)
- Form a Collaborative Team and implement QAPI practices; develop and apply strategies for overall quality by working to:
  - Identify opportunities for improvement in the 13 long-stay quality measures comprising the Nursing Home Composite Score.
  - Use a data-driven, proactive approach to improve quality.
  - Address gaps in systems to improve resident care processes and outcomes.
- Actively participate in NNHQCC Learning and Action Network opportunities by sharing best practices and lessons learned; attend events hosted by HSAG, including:
  - Face-to-face meetings.
  - Online trainings.
  - Conference calls and/or webinars.
- Adopt QAPI principles; initiate and maintain an updated QAPI Self-Assessment Tool.
- Use comparative data to measure the impact of changes and support collaborative efforts.
- Submitting data on the [Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes campaign website](#) is optional but recommended as a step toward meeting the Quality Incentive measure for active participation in the Campaign.

- Submit requested data or reports to support collaborative efforts

**Date(s) of Project:**

Enrollment began in August 2014 and will be on-going through July 2019.

**Evidence of Participation in the Project:**

*Expected evidence of participation in the project should be kept by the nursing home for use in state survey to demonstrate compliance with Sec. 3721.072 (B) which states that “Beginning July 1, 2013, each nursing home shall participate every two years in at least one of the quality improvement projects included on the list made available by the department of aging under the nursing home quality initiative established under section 173.60 of the Revised Code.”*

**Specific Evidence Elements:**

1. The nursing home should be able to produce the periodic progress reports that will be submitted to HSAG.
2. The nursing home should be able to produce a completed and updated (QAPI) Self-Assessment Tool.
3. The nursing home should be able to produce a QAPI Collaborative Team List.
4. The nursing home should be able to produce Advancing Excellence data reports (optional).

**Relevant links:**

- [QAPI At-A-Glance](#)
- [www.hsag.com](http://www.hsag.com)

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