



## OHIO NURSING HOME QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### IPRO Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative

#### Description

The Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative Program (NHQCC) is sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and coordinated in Ohio by IPRO, the Medicare Quality Innovation Network - Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for Ohio. The focus of this project is to assist Ohio's nursing homes in actively improving their Quality Measures which in turn may impact improvement of their Overall 5 STAR Quality Rating. Nursing Homes will also work on other various topics of focus within the NHQCC instituting proven healthcare practices, improving healthcare acquired infection rates, recognizing and improving adverse drug events (ADE) and lowering the number of re-admissions and emergency department (ED) visits among the sub-acute population. Every nursing home in Ohio is encouraged to be involved in this national effort.

#### How to Join

All skilled nursing facilities are invited to participate at no cost. Email [djohnson@ipro.org](mailto:djohnson@ipro.org) for more information.

#### Brief Description of Required Activities

1. Agree to participate in the NHQCC through completion and submission of IPROs electronic participation agreement.
2. Agree to remain active in the NHQCC through July 2024.
3. Form a Collaborative Team and integrate QAPI practices; develop and apply strategies for overall quality by working to:
  - Identify opportunities for improvement in the 15 Quality Measures comprising the nursing homes Overall Quality Measure Score;
  - Use a data-driven, proactive approach to improve quality; and
  - Address gaps in systems to improve resident care processes and outcomes.
4. Actively participate in NHQCC Learning and Action Network (LAN) opportunities by sharing best practices and lessons learned and attending events hosted by IPRO, including:
  - Online trainings; and
  - Conference calls and/or webinars.
5. Use comparative data to measure the impact of changes and support collaborative efforts.

6. Submit requested data or reports to support collaborative efforts.

### **Date(s) of Project**

Project Start Date: 11-1-2019

Project End Date: 07-31-2024

### **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."*

1. Work to improve the total Quality Measure score through systematic review and analysis of focused Quality Measures. The NH should be able to produce quarterly comparative QM CASPER/QIES reports.
2. Implement QAPI elements and principles in QA discussions. The NH should be able to identify and produce a list of the active QAPI collaborative team members.
3. Reduce hospital utilization for adverse drug events. The NH should be able to produce current tracking/trending ADE reports as guided by the QIO.
4. Reduce hospital utilization for C. difficile infection. The NH should be able to produce current tracking/trending in-house acquired C. difficile reports as guided by the QIO.

### **Relevant links**

Website: [www.ipro.org](http://www.ipro.org)

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