OHIO NURSING HOME QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

INTERACT (INTERventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers)

Description

INTERACT (Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers) quality improvement program targets three key strategies to reduce potentially avoidable hospitalizations:

- preventing conditions from becoming severe enough to require acute hospital care
- managing selected acute conditions in the nursing home
- improving advance care planning for residents for whom a palliative or comfort care plan is appropriate

How to Join

Nursing home must independently adopt the INTERACT quality improvement program and utilize these tools:

- Communication tools;
- Care Paths or Clinical Tools; and
- Advance Care Planning Tools.

Brief Description of Required Activities

- Use the INTERACT Hospitalization Rate Tracking Tool on a monthly basis

  o Submitting the hospitalization data on the Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes campaign tool is optional but recommended as a step toward meeting the Quality Incentive measure on Advancing Excellence participation;

- Use the INTERACT Quality Improvement Tool for Review of Acute Care Transfers

- Implement QAPI strategies to reduce the frequency of potentially avoidable transfers to hospitals

Date(s) of Project Availability

Ongoing. Participation between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2015 is required.

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. The nursing home should be able to produce the INTERACT Quality Improvement Summary report which summarizes each or a representative sample of INTERACT Quality Improvement Tool for Review of Acute Care Transfers.

2. The nursing home should be able to produce the INTERACT Implementation Checklist.

Relevant links

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