

Telligen Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative Participation Agreement

Clostridium difficile Initiative Including Infection Prevention Through Immunizations



Our facility will participate in the Telligen National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative to prevent infections by implementing measures to reduce the occurrence of *Clostridium difficile* (*C. difficile*), reporting *C. difficile* infections through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) database, and increasing resident immunizations (for Illinois nursing homes only). We understand the expectations for these projects and agree to full participation.

Benefits of participation

- Create a culture of resident safety with education and training on *C. difficile* management and other antibiotic stewardship principles and practices
- Acquire essential tools to perform infection surveillance, control and containment
- Master NHSN data submission and reports to aid infection surveillance and quality improvement efforts
- Enhance team performance and safety with long-term care communication strategies and techniques from TeamSTEPPS®
- Learn and network with local and national experts working together on this initiative
- Improve publicly reported infections and prepare for value-based purchasing under the IMPACT (Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation) Act

C. difficile Expectations

- Remain active in this initiative from May 2016 through December 2018
- Grant permission to Telligen to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team in our organization to utilize a data-driven and proactive approach to quality improvement, identify opportunities for improvement, and address gaps in systems through planned interventions in order to improve quality
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Enroll the facility in NHSN and register users within the Secure Access Management Services (SAMS)
- Participate in NHSN data training sessions
- Submit data during all required time periods
- Participate in other collaborative education sessions, conference calls or webinars
- Share data, results, best practices and lessons learned to contribute to state and national learning in this area. Data is aggregated at the state and national level.

Immunization Expectations (for Illinois nursing homes only)

- Remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Achieve high influenza and pneumonia immunization rates for residents through the 2019 flu season

Nursing Home Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Medicare Provider Number (CMS CCN) _____

Required Signatures

Administrator/CEO _____ Date _____

Director of Nursing _____ Date _____

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