



AHRQ Safety Program for Improving Antibiotic Use

We are recruiting long-term care facilities to participate in a **free** 12-month program that **seeks to improve antibiotic prescribing**. Beginning in December 2018, this program combines technical resources—such as evidence-based guidance for prescribing antibiotics more effectively—with strategies to address the attitudes, beliefs, and culture that often pose challenges to improving antibiotic prescribing. Whether your facility has an established antibiotic stewardship program or needs to develop one, this program can help you **protect your residents** by preventing exposure to unneeded antibiotics and their associated adverse events including antibiotic resistance and *Clostridium difficile* infections. This program will **help facilities meet the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services antibiotic stewardship requirements** as well as The Joint Commission’s Antimicrobial Stewardship Standard.

Continuing education credits will be offered at no charge for participants.

Benefits of participating include:

- Monthly Webinars to review best practices in the management of common infectious syndromes, as well as approaches to improve teamwork and communication around antibiotic decisionmaking
- Access to online presentations with facilitator guides that can be used to train frontline staff
- Assistance with developing and/or sustaining effective antibiotic stewardship programs
- Optional office-hour calls with experts to provide personalized guidance on antibiotic decisionmaking or antibiotic stewardship activities
- Resident and family education materials, such as posters and handouts

Eligible Facilities (enrollment limited to adult populations):

- Skilled, residential, and continuing care
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Dementia care facilities

This program is not designed for long-term acute care facilities, adult day care, home health programs, or facilities specializing in the care of developmentally disabled or pediatric patients.

Details and Registration

Visit <https://safetyprogram4antibioticstewardship.org/> or email antibioticsafety@norc.org. Informational Webinars will be held from summer 2018 through November. The deadline for registration is November 30, 2018.

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