

## Participation Agreement Antibiotic Stewardship (AS) Project

Under contract with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), IPRO invites you to participate in the quality improvement initiative: Combatting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria through Antibiotic Stewardship in Outpatient Communities (physician office, FQHCs, pharmacies, urgent care, emergency department).

Part of the task of CMS' quality improvement program in this arena will be to spread the principles of antibiotic stewardship among recruited outpatient settings at the point of care, where the antibiotics are being prescribed.

Quality Improvement Organizations (QIO) have been working on antibiotic stewardship together in concert with work on preventing healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and also have a strong history of working in communities to facilitate transitions of care.

The goal of this project is to increase the number of outpatient settings that have incorporated all CDC Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship.

### **Benefits:**

- Receive education for outpatient settings on the fundamentals of Antibiotic Stewardship (AS) and the risks of misuse/overuse of antibiotics in healthcare.
- Receive education on the CDC Core Elements of Outpatient AS, education for patients on AS, and antibiotics in healthcare and food production
- Gain experience in assessing and determining which Core Elements of AS are in place and/or needed
- Acquire tools to assess for and implement AS
- Have an opportunity to participate in a multidisciplinary advisory team on AS
- Network with and learn from other experts in your state and the country working together on AS
- Participate in Learning and Action Network (LAN) activities that promote and spread best practices in AS in outpatient settings

### **Expectations:**

- Agree to remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Collect and share information with IPRO including but not limited to antimicrobial prescribing patterns (baseline and post intervention)
- Identify an AS champion and a day-to-day leader that will serve as a direct contact for the IPRO team
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate all Core Elements of Outpatient AS into practice
- Participate in learning (LAN) events, other education sessions, webinars, and conferences as available
- Share results, best practices, and lessons learned

### **Notes**

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- *Participation by the organization is voluntary. It is expected that the organization will enroll in the project only if committed to work with IPRO for the duration of the project*
- *IPRO will provide the services described in this participation agreement free of charge to the organization*
- *With regards to patient confidentiality, QIOs such as IPRO, as CMS contractors, are considered health oversight agencies. The Privacy Rule of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), under 45 CFR §164.501, allows such agencies access to protected health information without patient permission. Furthermore, the Social Security Act provides protections to providers who disclose information to the QIOs, as described in §1157 of the Act*

## IPRO Participation Agreement Antibiotic Stewardship

Our organization would like to participate in the IPRO Combatting Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria through Antibiotic Stewardship in Communities project. We understand the expectations for this cooperative project and agree to participate fully through **July 2019**. We commit to:

- Remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Collect and share information with IPRO including but not limited to antibiotic prescribing patterns (baseline and post intervention)
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate all Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship into practice
- Identify an AS team champion and a day-to-day leader that will serve as a direct contact for the IPRO team.
- Participate in learning events (LAN), other collaborative education sessions, conference calls and webinars
- Share results, best practices and lessons learned

**Please enter your facility name, and address:**

FACILITY NAME:	
PRACTICE SETTING ADDRESS:	

**Required signatures (2):**

ROLE:	SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME:	DATE:
<b>Outpatient Setting Clinical/Administrative Leader</b> <small>(i.e., CEO/ administrator, medical director or owner who will commit to engage staff, help implement clinically relevant antimicrobial stewardship activities, and oversee results)</small>		
<b>Outpatient Setting Champion</b> <small>(i.e., staff physician, nurse, or pharmacist)</small>		

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**Keep a copy for your records**

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Thank you in advance for your commitment to this important initiative.

**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Quality Improvement Network – Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)** are working together to provide you with education, tools, and resources to support you in this Combatting Antibiotic Resistance Bacteria initiative. Your engagement and participation is critical to improve Antibiotic Stewardship and healthcare.

**Together we can make a difference.**