



# AHRQ Safety Program for Improving Antibiotic Use

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in conjunction with Johns Hopkins University and NORC at the University of Chicago, has developed the AHRQ Safety Program for Improving Antibiotic Use. We are seeking long-term care facilities interested in joining a national program that aims to improve antibiotic prescribing practices and assist facilities with implementing effective antibiotic stewardship programs. This is a one-year program beginning in November 2018. There is no fee to participate. A future cohort will enroll ambulatory practices.

## What are the anticipated goals of the program?

- Reduce unnecessary antibiotic use
- Improve antibiotic decision-making by frontline staff
- Reduce *Clostridium difficile* rates
- Improve safety culture in facilities and practices
- Enhance teamwork and communication around antibiotic prescribing
- Improve resident and family satisfaction
- Improve compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' antibiotic stewardship requirements

## What are the benefits of participating?

- Monthly webinars to review best practices in the management of common infectious syndromes, as well as approaches to improve teamwork and communication around antibiotic decision-making
- Free continuing education credits for nurses and physicians who attend the educational webinars
- 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 decision-making or antibiotic stewardship activities
- Resident and family education materials, such as posters and handouts
- Earn a Certificate of Participation for facilities that successfully submit requested data

## What facilities are eligible to participate?

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

## How can I learn more?

Attend an Informational Webinar:

Date	Time*
<a href="#">November 7</a>	3:30 pm

\*All times listed are Eastern Time (ET)

Visit the program website at <https://safetyprogram4antibioticstewardship.org>.

Or email the program team at [antibioticsafety@norc.org](mailto:antibioticsafety@norc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

