Kentucky QIO Nursing Home Quality Care – Second Collaborative Begins in April 2017

Looking to improve your quality measure scores? Your 5-star rating? We can help! The National Nursing Home Quality Care Coalition (NNHQCC), created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), unites nursing homes across the nation under one goal—to work together to ensure residents receive the highest possible quality of care. Qsource, the Kentucky Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) and a part of the atom Alliance, finished their first collaborative in September 2016, but there is still an opportunity to participate! The second 18-month collaborative starts April 1, 2017, and we would love to have you join.

Nursing homes in Kentucky who join the collaborative will work together to focus on several statewide areas for improvement, including incontinence, activities of daily living (ADL) decline, antipsychotic medication use, and antibiotic stewardship. Participating homes will receive composite quality measure score data from CMS, assistance with Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI), and will participate in hands-on learning sessions, action periods, and quality improvement training, using proven interventions and promoting resident-centered care.

Why Join
Be part of a national and local collaborative packed with personalized tools and resources and continual opportunities to learn. High performing nursing homes will lead peer groups in learning more about their systems and processes that contribute to overall quality in their nursing homes.

Hot Topics
Nursing homes will work on reducing antipsychotic drug use, incontinence, ADL decline, antibiotic stewardship, creating QAPI plans, increasing national 5-star ratings, and improving composite quality measure scores. Stay tuned to the OIG newsletter for more information on improving your composite quality measure score, creating a QAPI team, and other information related to this collaborative!

As part of the atom Alliance collaborative, you can lead with a sense of purpose.

- Recruit and retain quality staff
- Connect with residents in a celebration of their lives
- Nourish teamwork and communication
- Be a continuous learning organization
- Provide exceptional compassionate clinical care that treats the whole person
- Construct solid business practices that support your purpose

To sign up now, please complete the attached Participation Agreement and return to atom Alliance Quality Improvement Advisor, Scott Gibson at scott.gibson@area-G.hcqis.org or fax to 502-618-0588. For more information, please contact Scott Gibson at 502-680-2669 or scott.gibson@area-G.hcqis.org.
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