

atom Alliance was awarded a Special Innovation Project (SIP) pilot for Nursing Home Quality Improvement (NHQI) in *Kentucky* and *Mississippi* for the time period of Sept. 1, 2016 – Aug. 31, 2018. The focus is on intensive, hands-on education and direct technical assistance for a total of 20 nursing homes that receive immediate jeopardy (IJ) citations and are at-risk for special focus facility (SFF) designation. Resources from various evidence-based practices serve as the foundation of a customizable, eight-module curriculum focused on core concepts of quality improvement (QI) and survey-related deficiency content for NHs with adverse outcomes associated with each state's top 10 cited deficiencies. The QIOs provide education and training using information obtained from previous learning and action network (LAN) events, such as lessons learned, best practices and success stories.

All eight educational modules have been created and implementation begun with nursing homes. To promote accessibility and sustainability of content, the modules containing resources, materials, videos, data, and quality improvement methodologies are being placed on the atom Alliance website. Seven nursing homes are currently participating in these educational sessions, with NH staff satisfaction surveys resulting in 95% -100% satisfied and highly satisfied with the content and post-test results. The post-test results reveal increased knowledge of the material presented, such as the importance of leadership, teamwork and the interdisciplinary approach, infection prevention, pressure ulcers, behavioral health, dementia, epidemiology, and gerontology sensitivity. If your nursing home is contacted, the QIOs for this project encourage you to take advantage of this educational opportunity, utilizing trainings created on topics pre-identified as core deficiencies among facilities receiving IJ citations.