

# Improve Antibiotic Stewardship in Your Community

Join the **Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria through Antibiotic Stewardship in Communities** initiative to help stop the threat of antibiotic resistance and protect your patients. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization have declared antibiotic resistance to be one of the most serious problems facing our national and global health systems today. This Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) initiative focuses on fighting antibiotic resistance at the community level. Work with others in your community to implement the principles of antibiotic stewardship (AS) among outpatient settings at the point of care, where antibiotics are being prescribed. Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is now recruiting outpatient health care settings to work on implementing antimicrobial stewardship programs and incorporate the **Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship**.

Developed by the CDC, the **Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship** include:

- Commitment
- Action for policy and practice
- Tracking and reporting
- Education and expertise

## What We Commit to You

### Mountain-Pacific will provide...

- Education on the fundamentals of AS and the risks of misuse/overuse of antibiotics in health care and food production
- Education on the Core Elements of Outpatient AS
- Patient education on AS
- Guidance in assessing and determining which Core Elements of AS are in place and/or needed
- The tools to assess and implement AS
- An opportunity to participate in a multidisciplinary advisory team on AS
- Opportunities to network with and learn from other experts in your state and the country working on AS
- Learning and Action Network (LAN) activities that promote and spread best practices in AS in outpatient settings

## What We Ask

### You will...

- Agree to remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Agree to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate the four Core Elements of Outpatient AS into practice
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Participate in LAN events, other educational sessions, webinars and conference calls
- Share results, best practices and lessons learned

# Antibiotic Stewardship Letter of Participation

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

- Remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Grant permission to Mountain-Pacific Quality Health to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate the four Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship (AS) into practice
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Participate in Learning and Action Network (LAN) events, other collaborative educational sessions, conference calls and webinars
- Share results, best practices and lessons learned

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health will:

- Provide education for outpatient settings on the fundamentals of AS and the risks of misuse/overuse of antibiotics in health care and food production
- Provide education and support on the Core Elements of Outpatient AS for providers and patients
- Provide assistance with assessing and determining which Core Elements of Outpatient AS are in place and/or needed along with the necessary tools to implement AS
- Provide LAN activities that promote and spread best practices in AS in outpatient settings

<b>Organization Name:</b>	
<b>Identification Number</b> (TIN, CCN, NPI):	
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	

<b>ROLE:</b>	<b>SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
<b>Outpatient Setting Leader*</b>		
<b>ROLE:</b>	<b>SIGN AND PRINT YOUR NAME:</b>	<b>DATE:</b>
<b>Outpatient Setting Champion</b> ( <i>physician, nurse or pharmacist</i> )		

*\*(Clinical leader is defined as an executive, administrator or owner who will commit to engage staff, help implement clinically relevant antibiotic stewardship activities and oversee results). Two signatures are required. One person cannot fill both roles.*

**Thank you in advance for partnering with us on this important initiative.**

Please submit your signed participation letter online at <http://mpqhf.com/QIO/quality-improvement-initiatives/antibiotic-stewardship/#commitmentletter>. Participation letters can also be scanned and emailed or faxed to your state contact, listed below.

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