

Antibiotic Stewardship Program Checklist

Use this list of key components of an antibiotic stewardship program to see how well your facility's program meets CMS' guidelines – and what you may need to implement to avoid an F-Tag 881 citation.

Learn more about the [core elements of an antibiotic stewardship program for nursing homes](#).



CDC Stewardship

- Have you filled out the CDC Stewardship Checklist?
- Have you identified what areas may be missing or not implemented completely?
- Have you prepared a list of needed actions and a plan of action?



Policies and Procedures

- Do you have a policy and procedure (P&P) that includes all the Core Elements found in the CDC checklist?
- Do you have supporting P&Ps/tools for particular actions and processes within your plan?



Reporting

- Do you have a reporting plan with your antibiotic stewardship or infection prevention plan?
- Does your plan include the reporting that needs to take place to staff, families, state health officials, and organizational leads if there is an outbreak?
- Do you have a process for knowing what needs to be reported to the CDC and how to do it?
- If participating, is there someone in your facility assigned the responsibility to complete the Nursing Home Safety Network reporting data?



Communication

- Have you relayed your plan or program to physicians, employees, and residents and families?
- Have you enlisted the support of your consultant pharmacists to focus on your antibiotic stewardship interventions?
- Do you introduce your program to new residents at admission? Are they made aware that prophylactic antibiotics are not used at your facility except in particular situations?
- Have you educated clinicians and staff and provided education to residents and families regarding your facility's culture of antibiotic stewardship and the purpose behind it?
- Do you provide feedback to prescribers and the nurses transcribing orders so they can see how the facility is tracking in reducing inappropriate usage of antibiotics and antimicrobials?



How does your facility measure up when answering these questions?

Residents deserve the best care, and an antibiotic stewardship program is vital to ensuring they receive it. Many resources are available to assist you in maximizing your program to its greatest potential.

Reach out to NADONA and PharMerica to assist you in this endeavor.