

Kentucky QIO Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative Kicks Off!

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. Although the first 18-month collaborative in the coalition started April 1, 2015, there is still time to sign up!

Nursing homes in Kentucky in the collaborative are working together to improve quality and performance improvement practices, eliminate preventable healthcare-acquired conditions (HACs) and dramatically improve resident satisfaction. Below are a few topics discussed during the collaborative kick-off.

- **Kotter's Eight Step Process for Leading Change**
 - Steps 1-4 = unfreezing the status quo
 - Steps 5-7 = introducing new practices
 - Step 8 = grounding the change in new culture for sustainability
- **Effective Leadership** – creating a sense of urgency
- **High Performing Teams** – developing the guiding team
- **Effective Team Members** – understanding roles and responsibilities
- **Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Methodology Implementation Steps**
 - Leadership, Responsibility, and Accountability
 - Develop a Deliberate Approach to Teamwork
 - Self-Assessment
- **Online and Evidence-Based Resources**

Interested?

If you have not yet joined, you can still be a part of this resource-rich collaboration! Connect with our national and local collaborative packed with personalized tools and resources and ongoing opportunities to learn. Topics will include creating QAPI plans, reducing antipsychotic drug use, increasing resident mobility, increasing national 5-star ratings, improving National Nursing Home Composite Quality Measure scores, and reducing hospital readmissions.

Come and join us on this journey – contact Scott Gibson for more information at 502-680-2669 or scott.gibson@area-G.hcqis.org.

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