

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Our facility would like to participate in the atom Alliance National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative and focus on tracking and preventing *C. difficile* infections. We understand the expectations for this cooperative project and agree to participate fully from **May 2016 to December 2018**. This is a long-term commitment to work on infection control practices. **We commit to:**

- Remain active in this initiative through December 2018
- Grant permission to atom Alliance to publicly disclose participation in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to use a data-driven and proactive approach to quality improvement, identify opportunities for improvement and address gaps in systems through planned interventions to improve quality
- Identify a team sponsor and a day-to-day leader
- Enroll the facility (SNF and long-stay) in NHSN and register users within the Secure Access Management Services (SAMS)
- Participate in NHSN data training sessions
- Submit data during all required time periods
- Participate in other collaborative education sessions, conference calls or webinars
- Share data, results, best practices and lessons learned to contribute to state and national learning
  - Includes granting rights to your NHSN data to your QIN-QIO and the QIN-QIO National Coordinating Center so that data can be monitored and aggregated at the state and national level

**Enter your nursing facility name, provider number and address:**

Nursing Home Name:	
Nursing Home Medicare Provider Number (also known as the CMS Certification Number (CCN):	
Nursing Home Address:	

**Identify the following roles for this initiative. Required signatures:**

Role	Name (please sign and print your name)	Contact Information (phone and email address)	Date
Executive Leader (for example chief executive officer, chief operation officer, administrator or owner) Note: the executive leader would sign the NHSN consent for participation			
Director of Nursing			

Please return your completed participation agreement to: \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_, and **keep a copy** of this for your own use.

For more information, contact:

Thank you for your commitment to this important initiative.  
**The CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS),  
Quality Improvement Network – Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs)  
and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**  
are working together to provide you education, tools and resources to support you  
in this QAPI initiative. Your engagement and participation is critical to help prevent  
*Clostridium difficile* infections.

**Together we can make a difference.**

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