**North Dakota Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll**

**for Long Term Care Facilities**

Program Information

Health and Human Services, along with North Dakota State University’s Center for Collaboration and Advancement in Pharmacy (CAP Center), are pleased to present North Dakota’s Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll for Long-Term Care Facilities. The honor roll was developed to 1) recognize facilities meeting each of the CDC’s seven core elements of antimicrobial stewardship, 2) promote optimal use of antimicrobials, 3) prevent the emergence of antimicrobial resistance and C. difficile infections, and 4) showcase participating facilities.

Application Process

* Facilities should fill out the application form and send the following documentation:
* Statement of commitment from leadership
* A copy of the facility’s antimicrobial stewardship policy
* Completed form and documentation should be emailed to HHS Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead, [Emily.perry@ndsu.edu](mailto:Emily.perry@ndsu.edu)

Renewal Process

* All recognized facilities will need to submit documentation annually to maintain or update their status.
* Applications may be submitted at any point during the year; however, review of applications will occur once a year in November.
  + Honor roll status will be awarded in January

Status Levels

The honor roll includes four status levels, and the requirements for each are listed below.

* **Bronze**
  + A facility antibiotic stewardship policy or similar document
* Description of antibiotic use tracking
* Letter from CEO, COO, or administrative leader supporting antimicrobial stewardship or statement of commitment to antimicrobial stewardship, dated within the past year
* Names and titles of stewardship leaders and team members
* Description of yearly education for staff and prescribing providers
* **Silver**

Meets all Bronze level requirements plus:

* Minimum of two actions including:
  + education about antibiotic use to residents/family/public
  + improving antibiotic use in the facility
* Optional action: C. difficile tracking
* **Gold**

Meets all Bronze and Silver requirements plus:

* Engages with community partners on antimicrobial stewardship initiatives: examples include but not limited to transition of care planning with local hospital, collaborating on stewardship projects with facilities outside of your health system, or partnering with a clinic on a stewardship initiative
* **Platinum**

Limited to previous year’s Gold level honorees that can provide documentation of improved antimicrobial usage due to stewardship initiatives and continues to meet requirements of Gold level

Recognition

* Honor roll facilities will receive recognition on the Health and Human Services website, the CAP Center’s website, and through social media. This will allow antimicrobial stewardship interventions to be showcased and provides examples to help other healthcare facilities with stewardship initiatives.
* Honor roll facilities will receive a certificate to display, and they will have access to a honor roll logo that can be used to demonstrate to the public that the facility meets and exceeds national antimicrobial stewardship guidelines

Contact Information

* If questions with this process, please email HHS Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead at [Emily.perry@ndsu.edu](mailto:Emily.perry@ndsu.edu)