



Participation Agreement

Alliant Quality... Working with YOU to make Health Care Better

_____ (Organization) and Alliant Quality, the QIN-QIO (Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization) for Georgia and North Carolina, agree to collaborate between the present date and July 2019, on Improving Care Outcomes for Medicare Beneficiaries with Mental Illness and Opioid Use project, sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Goal: Alliant GMCF has been tasked with implementing a targeted, community-wide education and engagement program. The goal of this project is to achieve a 25% reduction in unnecessary opioid prescribing by designated emergency departments to patients with comorbid mental illness and substance use disorders, and to decrease emergency room presentations and hospitalizations for the same population by 25%.

Benefits of Participation

- Utilizing a training program and peer support group model to encourage increased resiliency, wellness and self-managed health for people with mental illness and substance use disorders
- Providing education to emergency department prescribers, promoting the available guidelines, state regulations and recommendations for the safe use of opioids
- Collaborating with hospital case management staff to develop an outreach plan to engage patients in a formal peer support health model
- Utilizing established local action network (LAN) channels to educate and train various stakeholders on health engagement of this complex service population

For Organization:

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| <i>Name of Staff Participating</i> | <i>Date</i> |
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| <i>Signature</i> | |
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| <i>Organization Name</i> | |
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| <i>Address</i> | |

Yes, we plan to participate.

Acceptance

We understand this is a non-binding agreement that may be amended by mutual written consent and may be terminated at any time by either party.

We have reviewed this agreement and expectations to ensure that we are able to make an ongoing commitment throughout the course of the project. **Please sign and return this Participation Agreement by fax or email to: Elisabeth Klemis at (678) 527-3030 or Elisabeth.Klemis@alliantquality.org**

Confidentiality

A healthcare quality improvement project is considered a quality review study, defined in 42 CFR Section 480.101(b) of federal regulations as being "an assessment, conducted by or for the QIO, for the purpose of improving patient care through peer analysis, intervention, resolution of the problem and follow-up." Federal regulations at 42 CFR Section 480.140 protect the identities of individual patients, practitioners, and institutions that participate in such studies, and prohibit, with few exceptions, Alliant Quality from disclosing any specific information about their work on quality review studies.