



# Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes

## Excellent Ideas

### STATE AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

With so many state and national initiatives for quality long-term care, it can be difficult for nursing homes to make sense of the many available efforts and opportunities. It can also be difficult to understand which groups can best support you in your improvement efforts. The following information describes how these state and national initiatives are aligned and support each other.

#### Ohio Local Area Network for Excellence (LANE)

Part of the Advancing Excellence Campaign, the Ohio LANE is comprised of many state-level agencies and organizations and nursing home representatives and long-term care stakeholders. Meeting monthly, the goal of the LANE is to provide support to nursing homes participating in the [Campaign](#). The LANE is currently a subcommittee of the [Ohio Person-Centered Care Coalition](#) and supports the forthcoming Nursing Home Healthcare-Acquired Conditions Learning & Action Network.

#### Learning & Action Networks (LAN)

The concepts of learning and action are integral to making rapid, large-scale changes in care delivery, and are the impetus behind the formation of LANs in all healthcare settings in Ohio. The Nursing Home Healthcare-Acquired Conditions (HAC) LAN is focused on clinical topics that are considered avoidable: urinary tract infections, falls, pressure ulcers, and inappropriate use of antipsychotic medications. The Nursing Home HAC LAN and the other LANs will provide resources and support to interested providers, and will be an important component of the Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative. Refer to [Ohio KePRO](#) for more information.

#### Partnership to Improve Dementia Care

Sponsored by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), the Partnership to Improve Dementia Care is a national initiative to improve behavioral health and reduce antipsychotic medications. In Ohio, this partnership is led by state agencies and organizations that are aligned with CMS' vision of a multi-dimensional approach to improve care for individuals with dementia.

#### Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative

Sponsored by CMS and coordinated in our state by Ohio KePRO, this Collaborative aims to lay the foundation for making sustainable change in Ohio's long-term care facilities. Topics of focus include antipsychotics, falls, urinary tract infections, pressure ulcers, staffing and consistent assignment. Expected outcomes include rapid, large-scale improvements in the resident's quality of care and life. Approximately 160 nursing homes in Ohio are involved in this effort.

#### Ohio Long-Term Care Quality Initiative

This partnership is dedicated to providing resources and support to nursing homes relative to the Ohio Medicaid Payment Policy. Read more and access resources at [www.aging.ohio.gov/ltcquality](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/ltcquality).