

Help from Advancing Excellence to Use Medications Appropriately

It's time to explore and choose your new goals and team up with Advancing Excellence. Visit www.nhqualitycampaign.org and find support materials for many quality initiatives to improve the care of residents who have dementia. Be inspired and encouraged by innovative success, while you pursue your goals with tools, resources, and progress tracking to assist your QAPI plan. Help each resident enjoy their highest practicable level of physical, mental and psychosocial well-being.



Advancing Excellence's nine new quality-improvement goals include 4 process goals and 5 clinical outcome goals. The **Medication** clinical outcome goal is designed to provide staff with non-pharmacological interventions for residents with dementia. This goal targets the CMS concern that nursing

facilities follow federal assessment and care plan requirements meant to ensure quality of care for elderly residents who receive antipsychotic drugs. Choose the **Medication** goal for tools to help your facility reconcile medications, beginning with antipsychotics.



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From the **Home** page, click on the **Explore New Goals** box. Find the blue **Medication** tab on the chart, and the green **"go"** buttons. Navigate as you wish. Click the **Leadership** button to find the **Use Medications Appropriately Staff Fact Sheet** to post for staff training on how to cut unnecessary antipsychotic medications. Many additional resources for antipsychotic reduction can be found through the blue box titled **CMS Partnership to Improve Dementia Care** on the right side of the **Home** page. Each click from there leads to worlds of valuable information--everything you need to gear up for your targeted change.

There is still time to join the Advancing Excellence campaign and aid your change process. **Lock in your goals before May 1, 2013 to become a registered participant.** Each registered participant must select at least one process goal and one other goal. **Ready. Set. Go. Be recognized as a partner of this quality campaign!**

For more information, contact a MO LANE Planning Committee Member:
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