



Is it for me, or for you? Dementia Care Change Package FAQs

Is my facility a good candidate for this initiative?

All nursing homes can benefit from using the Toolkit, but it is especially beneficial to homes that:

- Have a high number of long-stay residents who receive an antipsychotic medication
- Have a high number of long-stay residents who have depressive symptoms and/or pain
- Have been unable to reduce utilization for a variety of reasons
- Can identify residents who will benefit from this work
- Are willing to make the staff and time commitment to meeting the goals of the program

What are the expectations?

With the assistance of Partnership members, participating homes will:

- Identify residents who may benefit from A/P reduction
- Establish a facility-specific A/P reduction percentage goal over a 6-month period
- Provide staff education using the toolkit resources
- Implement one toolkit item/strategy
- Embrace a person-centered approach to this work
- Conduct pre- and post-analysis of outcomes specific to your journey

What resources will the Partnership provide?

Participating homes will receive:

- [Toolkit](#), electronically and/or hard copy
- [Short explanatory videos](#)
- Monthly check-ins with your peers
- Partnership and Ombudsman volunteers who will serve as liaisons to assist in engagement and achievement
- Technical assistance as needed
- Outcomes benchmarking report, aggregated information from all participating homes

How do I sign up?

- Identify 2 staff members to co-lead this effort
- Sign the [Participation Agreement](#) by April 18, 2022
- You will be contacted by a Partnership volunteer the week of April 25, 2022

Questions?

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