



About the 2019 New Jersey Antimicrobial Stewardship Recognition Program

Background

Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASPs) and efforts to combat antimicrobial resistance have been ongoing in New Jersey for decades. In recent years, a framework from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), known as the Core Elements of Antimicrobial Stewardship, has been accepted as the “blueprint” for ASPs. Today, hundreds of NJ healthcare facilities participate in collaboratives with organizations like the New Jersey Hospital Association and the Quality Insights Quality Improvement Network to develop and strengthen ASPs in accordance with the CDC’s Core Elements. In supporting our partner organizations, the Communicable Disease Service (CDS) of the New Jersey Department of Health has developed the New Jersey Antimicrobial Stewardship Recognition Program to recognize healthcare facilities who have developed successful and sustainable ASPs using the Core Elements framework.

About the Program

The New Jersey Antimicrobial Stewardship Recognition Program is meant to acknowledge the achievements of ASPs in local healthcare facilities. Awardees must demonstrate implementation of the CDC Core Elements. Applicants from acute care hospitals and post-acute care facilities will be recognized as Gold, Silver, or Bronze awardees, based on the difficulty of ASP interventions. Outpatient healthcare facilities will be recognized with a general award during the 2019 program; though tiered outpatient awards are under development for future program years. There is no limit to the number of facilities that may apply or be recognized.

Application Types

There are three types of applications. Facilities should complete the application that best aligns with the type of care they provide:

- (1) Acute care hospitals
- (2) Post-acute care facilities (e.g., long-term acute care, skilled nursing, long-term care, rehabilitation)
- (3) Outpatient facilities (e.g., physician’s offices, ambulatory surgery, urgent care, hemodialysis)

How to Apply

Complete the 2019 Application applicable to your facility and submit the application and supporting documentation to CDS via fax (609-292-5811) or email (abxaware@doh.nj.gov). Questions about the program or application should be directed to CDS at 609-826-5964.

Program Benefits

Applicants who are recognized by the program will be listed as a Gold, Silver, or Bronze 2019 New Jersey Antibiotics Aware Steward. Each facility that is recognized will enjoy the following benefits over the recognition period:

- A Certificate of Achievement as an Antibiotics Aware Steward
- Listing as a 2019 awardee on the NJ Antibiotics Aware webpage
- A digital media badge for each awardee (example to the right)

