**North Dakota Antimicrobial Stewardship**

 **Honor Roll for Hospitals**

Program Information

Health and Human Services, along with North Dakota State University’s Center for Collaboration and Advancement in Pharmacy (CAP center), are pleased to present North Dakota’s Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll for Hospitals. The honor roll was developed to: 1) recognize facilities meeting each of the CDC seven core elements of antimicrobial stewardship, 2) promote optimal use of antimicrobials, 3) prevent emergence of antimicrobial resistance and C. difficile infections, and 4) showcase participating facilities.

Application Process

* Facilities should fill out the application form and send the following documentation:
* Statement of commitment from leadership
* A copy of the facility’s antimicrobial stewardship policy
* Completed form and documentation should be emailed to HHS Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead, Emily.perry@ndsu.edu

Renewal Process

* All recognized facilities will need to need to submit documentation annually to maintain or update status.
* While applications may be submitted at any point during the year, review of applications will occur in November.
	+ Honor roll status will be awarded in January

Status Levels

The honor roll includes four status levels, and the requirements for each are listed below.

* **Bronze**
* A facility antibiotic stewardship policy or similar document
* Letter from CEO, COO, or administrative leader supporting antimicrobial stewardship, dated within the last year
* Names and titles of stewardship leaders and team members
* Description of staff and clinical caregiver antibiotic stewardship education activities
* **Silver**

Meets all Bronze level requirements plus:

* Tracks and reports antibiotic use quarterly to stakeholders
* Demonstrates use of evidence-based treatment and prescribing guidelines within the previous year
* Demonstrates use of antibiogram and shares annually with HHS
* At least one stewardship initiative implemented within the last year
* **Gold**

Meets all Bronze and Silver requirements plus:

* Engages with community partners on antimicrobial stewardship initiatives:

examples include but not limited to transition of care planning with local long term care facilities, collaborating on stewardship projects with facilities outside of your health system, partnering with a clinic on a stewardship initiative, or creating a multi-health system collaborative effort to improve antimicrobial use

* Reports data annually to NHSN’s Antimicrobial Usage module
* **Platinum**

Limited to previous year’s Gold level honorees that can provide documentation of improved antimicrobial usage due to stewardship initiatives and continues to meet requirements of Gold level

Recognition

* Honor roll facilities will be recognition on the Health and Human Services website, the CAP Center’s website, and through social media. This will allow antimicrobial stewardship interventions to be showcased and provide examples to help other healthcare facilities with stewardship initiatives.
* Honor roll facilities will receive a certificate to display, and they will have access to a honor roll logo that can be used to demonstrate to the public that the facility meets and exceeds national antimicrobial stewardship guidelines

Contact Information

* If questions with this process, please email HHS Antimicrobial Stewardship Lead at Emily.perry@ndsu.edu