

# SUPERIOR HEALTH

## Quality Alliance

### Join Superior Health Quality Alliance AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network

Project ECHO is actively recruiting nursing homes around the country to join an interactive community of practice to advance improvements in Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) preparedness, safety and infection control.

Supported by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and in collaboration with the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), the AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network is open to any nursing home across the country at no cost.

Superior Health Quality Alliance (Superior Health) is actively enrolling two cohorts across Michigan and Wisconsin, accommodating up to 70 Nursing Homes.

Nursing homes eligible to receive funding from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) that actively participate in the 16-week Network training can receive \$6,000 in compensation for participating.

#### Challenge

- It is estimated that almost 50,000 nursing home residents and staff have died from COVID-19, representing nearly one-quarter of the nation's known COVID-19 deaths.
- Nursing home residents are especially vulnerable due to their age, their underlying frailty and their communal living conditions.
- Nursing home staff members who care for our seniors are among the most needed and most at-risk essential workers.

#### Approach

The Network will operate as a 16-week interactive virtual community of practice utilizing the ECHO model. The model is based on the idea that to learn complex ideas, guided mentorship is needed in an "all teach, all learn" environment. The weekly Network sessions are designed to create space to hear directly from nursing home staff about the challenges they are facing through discussion of real cases. All participants are encouraged to share best practices and learn from their peers—while benefiting from the guidance of nursing home and quality improvement experts. Each Network session will include a short didactic combined with case-based presentations and discussion.

#### Goals

The Network aims to help nursing homes implement evidence-based best practices to:

- Keep COVID-19 from entering nursing homes where it has not entered.
- Identify residents and staff who have been infected with COVID-19 early.
- Prevent the spread of COVID-19 between staff, residents and visitors.
- Provide safe and appropriate care to residents with mild and asymptomatic cases of COVID-19.
- Ensure staff have the knowledge, skills and confidence to implement best-practice safety measures to protect residents and themselves.
- Reduce social isolation for residents, families and staff during these difficult times.

#### To Learn More

- [www.superiorhealthqa.org/initiatives/covid-19-echo/](http://www.superiorhealthqa.org/initiatives/covid-19-echo/)
- To enroll in the Superior Health Quality Alliance Nursing Home COVID-19 ECHO, please complete our [online enrollment form](#).

**Space is limited—  
enroll today.  
Registration closes Friday,  
November 6, 2020.**

