

# CMS Partnership to Improve Dementia Care

*A mission to improve behavioral health among nursing home residents with dementia and to protect them from unnecessary drug use*

# Partnership Overview

- ▶ The Partnership promotes the three “R’s”
  - Rethink – rethink our approach to dementia care
  - Reconnect – reconnect with residents via person-centered care practices
  - Restore – restore good health and quality of life

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- ▶ **Multidimensional approach includes:**
  - **Public Reporting**
    - First year goal: reduce prevalence rate of antipsychotic drug use in long-stay nursing home residents by 15% by end of 2012
    - Rates of nursing homes' antipsychotic drug use available on Nursing Home Compare July 19<sup>th</sup> (long-stay prevalence; short-stay incidence)
      - clear information about nursing home performance to consumers
      - accessibility to residents and families
  - **Partnerships and State-based Coalitions**
    - State Implementation Calls; 28 Calls Completed as of 7/17
      - Engage the ongoing commitment and partnership of stakeholders including state survey agency and Medicaid agencies, provider groups, resident advocates, professional associations, QIOs, LANES, consumer groups, ombudsman and others
      - Create or support existing individual state coalitions that will identify and spread best practices to individual facilities
      - Follow-up with Coalition leads to determine the progress of states' facilities

## ○ Research

- Conduct research to better understand how the team makes decisions to use antipsychotic drugs in residents with dementia
  - Study factors that influence prescribing practices
  - Case studies of about 175 residents in 20-25 nursing homes in 5 States
- Implement treatments to improve overall management of residents with dementia based on results of study

## ○ Training

- Available for providers, clinicians, and surveyors on Advancing Excellence website and several association, university websites
- *Hand in Hand*: series that provides direct care workers with training that emphasizes person-centered care, prevention of abuse, and non-pharmacological interventions (distributed to all nursing homes end of August)
- Two hour-long, comprehensive surveyor trainings in production and available by September
  - Will be mandatory

# Thank you!

- ▶ Questions may be directed to:

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