



MI STA*AR

State Action on Avoidable Rehospitalizations

Commitment to Participate in the MI STA*AR initiative

Our organization would like to participate in the MI STA*AR initiative and understands that work of this nature is not without great effort.

We understand that no grant funding is being provided to the MI STA*AR initiative to offset costs that may be incurred by the lead organizations, participating Michigan hospitals or providers across the health care continuum. While hospitals should not need to hire additional staff for this initiative, depending upon the size of the participating hospital, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement estimates roughly 1.5 to 2.0 full-time equivalents (FTEs) (portions of FTEs from participating leaders and front-line staff) will be required to support the improvement work. Additionally, a small amount of financial support will be needed for staff to attend the two-day training seminar on Feb. 28 and March 1, 2011, although there is no registration fee associated with the seminar.

As such, we realize it is critical that the following commitments be made to achieve success. Participating hospitals are expected to:

1. Develop a cross continuum transitions team by recruiting post-acute care providers (to which they transition patients) for participation in this initiative. This includes physicians, long-term care providers, home health and hospice providers, patients/caregivers and other relevant individuals.
2. Establish an **executive sponsor** to provide support and eliminate barriers and a **day-to-day leader** to coordinate efforts. Examples of executive sponsors include chief executive officers, chief operating officers, chief nursing officers, etc. Examples of day-to-day leaders include quality improvement staff, directors of case management, etc.
3. Identify one or two initial units with teams that consist of front-line staff, including nurses, physicians, case managers, etc that will implement the interventions.
4. Collect and submit data through monthly and quarterly progress reports.
5. Participate in the training session held Feb. 28 and March 1, 2011, attend regional meetings and monthly conference calls.
6. Actively seek to improve communication between stakeholders and positively change the culture surrounding transitions of care.

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Project Timeline

November – December 2010: Identify initial units and develop cross continuum transitions team.

January – February 2011: Completion of pre-work prior to kickoff meeting.

Feb. 28 and March 1, 2011: Team attendance at two-day MI STA*AR collaborative meeting.

March – December 2012: Implementation of interventions and redesign processes, assess progress, attend conference calls, peer-to-peer exchange of information, site visits, regional meetings, quarterly progress reports, development and implementation of plan to spread successful interventions across all units.

January 2013 – May 2013 Steering committee evaluation of the initiative.



Signed Pledge to Participate in MI STA*AR

Hospital Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and ZIP: _____

Authorizing Hospital Executive Name: _____

Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Project Contact Name: _____

Title: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that by submitting this commitment to participate, my organization pledges to do the utmost to achieve the goals established by the MI STA*AR initiative. In addition, our participation in MI STA*AR will be known to the media — meaning that my facility may be contacted by reporters seeking additional information. I commit to discussing participation with the media to the degree deemed appropriate by our facility.

Signature of Authorized Hospital Executive

Date

**Please fax the completed form to “Attn: Morgan Martin”
at (517) 323-0946 by Nov. 5, 2010.**

For more information, please contact Sam R. Watson at (517) 323-3443
or Nancy Vecchioni at (248) 465-7454.

Thank you — and we look forward to your participation.

