

## **JOIN THE LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) DATA COOPERATIVE**



The Long-Term Care Data Cooperative is a provider-led effort to gather long-term care (LTC and post-acute care (PAC) residents' electronic health records (EHR) and associated data to help providers with their clinical care and operations, as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of different treatments and practices on resident outcomes. The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) has partnered with Brown University to develop the LTC Data Cooperative on behalf of providers.

The LTC Data Cooperative's data will be used for four broad purposes:

1. Assist individual providers with health care delivery and operations by producing facility-specific reports.
2. Public health surveillance using aggregate data anonymized by facility
3. To support academic research about effectiveness of treatments and care delivery models on resident outcomes.
4. To support design and conduct of clinical trials involving residents.

### **WHY JOIN?**

You can get information specific to your organization and contribute to the larger LTC and PAC community's efforts to improve care for older adults. Providers benefit from:

- Building a virtual sector-wide research center to produce actionable findings, just as hospital systems have their own research teams to do the same thing.
- Facility-specific feedback reports on whether documentation in your EHR is supporting practices that can help reduce hospitalizations or otherwise improve resident outcomes, with comparators to organization and group-wide averages.
- Custom facility reports by request, with group comparators to support quality improvement, which can be included in Quality Award applications
- Policy analysis to inform advocacy for the sector.
- Developing EHR-based metrics.

### **WHAT WILL BE COLLECTED?**

This varies slightly by EHR vendor, but over time the goal is to gather all the clinical information in the EHR.

## WHO DECIDES HOW MY DATA WILL BE USED?

This is a provider-led effort. The LTC Data Cooperative has oversight from an Advisory Committee comprised principally of AHCA/NCAL Board members and other providers who are members of the cooperative. A Research Review Committee comprised principally of providers who also are enrolled in the LTC Data Cooperative review all research proposals to decide on acceptability. Also, all provider reports are guided by enrolled organizations who can connect with our staff during our quarterly Town Halls to discuss and give feedback on upcoming plans.

## WHAT ARE FACILITIES REQUIRED TO DO ONCE ENROLLED?

**Nothing. There is no cost or extra burden for facilities or organizations that join!** Once enrolled, participants' EHR vendors will send your data to the LTC Data Cooperative. There are no other requirements, but participants will have the opportunity to:

1. Review building-specific feedback reports to assist with care coordination and improve operations and clinical systems of care.
2. Request building-specific reports on specific metrics used in a Quality Award application or other effort, with comparative data drawn from the aggregated metrics across all LTC Data Cooperative-participating organizations.
3. Voluntarily participate in research funded through federal agencies and in LTC Data Cooperative committees.

## HOW DO I JOIN?

This is a **FREE** opportunity for all long-term care and post-acute care providers through funding from the National Institute on Aging (NIA). Participants will need to sign a participation agreement, which includes a Business Associate Agreement and an authorization form to allow your EHR vendor to transfer data to the LTC Data Cooperative.

1. Email [LTCDataCooperative@ahca.org](mailto:LTCDataCooperative@ahca.org) to receive the participation agreement.
2. Once registration is completed, AHCA/NCAL will contact your vendor on your behalf to begin the data transfer process.

## QUESTIONS?

Email [LTCDataCooperative@AHCA.org](mailto:LTCDataCooperative@AHCA.org) with any questions or if you need assistance with figuring out if this is right for you. You can also review the website to find out more.

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