

JOIN THE LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) DATA COOPERATIVE

The Long-Term Care Data Cooperative is a provider-led effort to gather nursing home residents' electronic medical records (EMR) 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 (AHCA) has partnered with Brown University, and data science firm Exponent, Inc., to develop the LTC Data Cooperative on behalf of providers.



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

1. Assist providers with health care delivery and operations by providing reports such as quality measures, benchmarks, at-risk profiles, and utilization profiles.
2. Provide public health monitoring for medical conditions and infections, including COVID-19, to be securely shared with relevant public health authorities. Note: Data will not be shared with other health providers or state HIE (Health Information Exchange) programs.
3. To support federally-funded academic research about effectiveness of treatments and care delivery models on resident outcomes.

WHY JOIN?

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

You will help your organization get understandable, meaningful quality reports across a wide range of topics.

- You will receive reports on number of residents with a hospitalization visit, schizophrenia diagnoses, and reports on medication use to help better address residents' needs and avoid adverse events.
- You may be able to calculate vaccination rates for reporting and monitoring that can reduce burden on your staff.
- You can engage payers in discussions about quality of care using your own clinical data and national benchmarks not available elsewhere.

Additionally, the system will support public health surveillance and allow researchers to generate real-world evidence on the effectiveness of different treatments and care practices, such as looking at how antiviral treatments for COVID or influenza work in our population.

WHAT WILL BE COLLECTED?

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

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 Board members and other providers who are members of cooperative that oversee the effort, and a Research Review Committee comprised principally of providers who also are enrolled in the LTC Data Cooperative who review all research proposals to decide on acceptability. Additionally, all provider reports are guided by a user group of enrolled organizations who have the opportunity to 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, the EMR companies will send your data to the LTC Data Cooperative. There are no other requirements, but participants will have the opportunity to:

1. Review various reports to assist with care coordination and improve operations and clinical systems of care.
2. 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 nursing homes 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 EMR vendor to transfer data to the LTC Data Cooperative.

1. Email LTCDataCooperative@ahca.org to receive the participation agreement.
2. Once registration is completed, AHCA will contact your vendor on your behalf to begin the data transfer process.

QUESTIONS?

Email LTCDataCooperative@AHCA.org with any questions or need assistance with figuring out if this is right for you, or review the website to find out more.

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