Virginia Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll for Small and Critical Access Hospitals Program Details

Program Information

The Virginia Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Advisory Group, led by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Health Quality Innovators (HQI), and the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA), has developed the Virginia Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll for Small and Critical Access Hospitals. The goal of the Honor Roll is to recognize facilities meeting each of the CDC seven core elements of antimicrobial stewardship programs and to encourage facilities to enhance existing programs. In addition, the honor roll gives the Virginia HAI Advisory Group a mechanism to promote statewide initiatives and to highlight participating facilities.

Honor Roll awardees will have also met The Joint Commission antimicrobial stewardship accreditation standards. Participation in the Honor Roll with help align your facility's stewardship program with evidence-based best practices.

Application Process

- Facilities should fill out the application form and send the following documentation:
 - o Statement of commitment from leadership for the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
 - Antimicrobial stewardship policy outlining purpose and at least two program policies and interventions to improve antibiotic use
 - Agenda from most recent antimicrobial stewardship committee meeting
- Completed form and documentation should be emailed to <u>hai@vdh.virginia.gov</u>

Eligible Facilities

Critical Access Hospitals are defined as hospitals meeting the following criteria according to the <u>Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997</u>:

- Located in a rural area or an area treated as rural under federal guidelines;
- Provide 24-hour emergency care services;
- Furnish no more than 25 acute care inpatient beds and include the following provisions:
 - That the facility provide no more than 25 inpatient beds that can be used for either inpatient or swing bed services, and/or;
 - To include a separate provision for up to 10 additional rehab or psych beds in a "distinct part unit."
- Possess a length of stay averaging no more than 96 hours; and
- Meet Geographic conditions.

Small hospitals are defined as hospitals with 49 eligible beds or less.

Hospitals that don't meet the criteria for small or critical access hospital should use the <u>Acute Care</u> <u>Hospital Application Form</u>.

Renewal Process





- All recognized facilities will need to re-apply to maintain their status every 3 years from their initial award date.
 - Facilities may choose to apply for an upgrade in their status at any point. The same Honor Roll application form can be used.
- While applications may be submitted at any point during the year, review of applications will occur twice a year in July and December.
 - Honor roll status will be awarded during the month following review.

Status Levels and Star Designations

- Status Levels
 - The application form includes basic, intermediate, and advanced criteria for each of the <u>CDC's antibiotic stewardship core elements at small and critical access hospitals.</u>
 - The three different status levels include:
 - Bronze: Must meet at least one criteria per core element
 - Silver: Must meet at least one criteria per core element and at least 4 intermediate criteria
 - Gold: Must meet at least one criteria per core element and at least 4 advanced criteria
- Star Designee
 - The <u>application form</u> includes questions about participation in statewide antimicrobial stewardship initiatives sponsored by partner organizations.
 - One star is awarded to each facility for the following collaborations:
 - i. Annually submits facility antibiogram to VDH* for inclusion in the <u>Virginia State</u> and <u>Regional Cumulative Antibiogram</u>
 - ii. Shares antimicrobial consumption data with VDH* (National Healthcare Safety Network Antimicrobial Use data or other mechanism)
 - iii. ASP committee shares best practices with others (e.g. mentorship among facilities in community or submitting an abstract for Stewardship Interest Group of Virginia (SIGoVA) Research Symposium)

*For more information, contact the VDH HAI Program at hai@vdh.virginia.gov

Recognition

- Facilities will be awarded a certificate stating their status level.
- Facility names will be listed on the Virginia HAI Advisory Group webpage along with their status level and star designation for the three-year period.
- Facilities meeting silver or gold status will have program achievements highlighted on the HAI Advisory Group webpage for the three-year period.
- Facilities meeting a star designation AND a status level will be permitted to use the Virginia Antimicrobial Stewardship Honor Roll graphic of their status level on presentations, posters, etc.

Contact Information

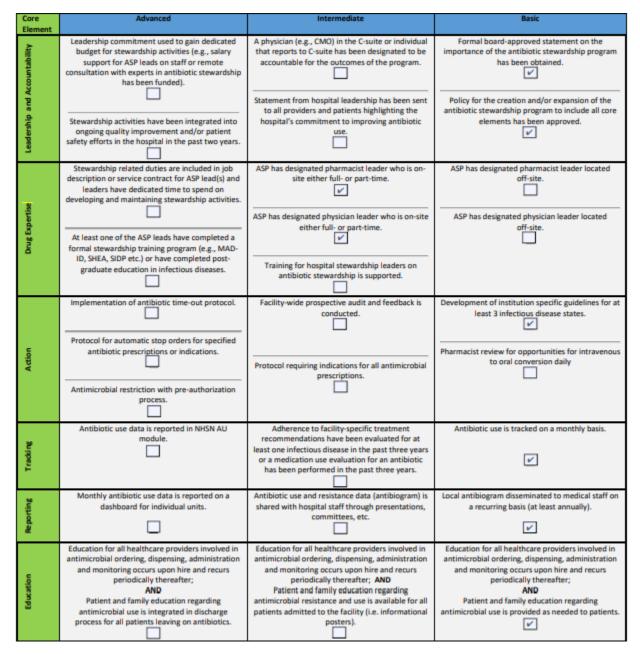
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Example Application Forms Indicating Status Levels

Below is an example application that would meet BRONZE status

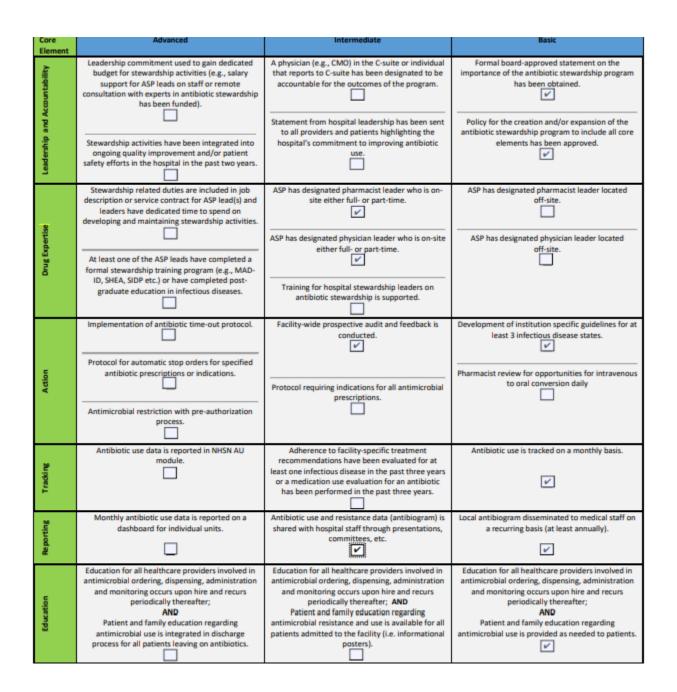


Rationale: A criteria from each core element is checked AND the applicant does not meet criteria for silver (4 intermediate criteria) or gold (4 advanced criteria).





Below is an example application that would meet SILVER status

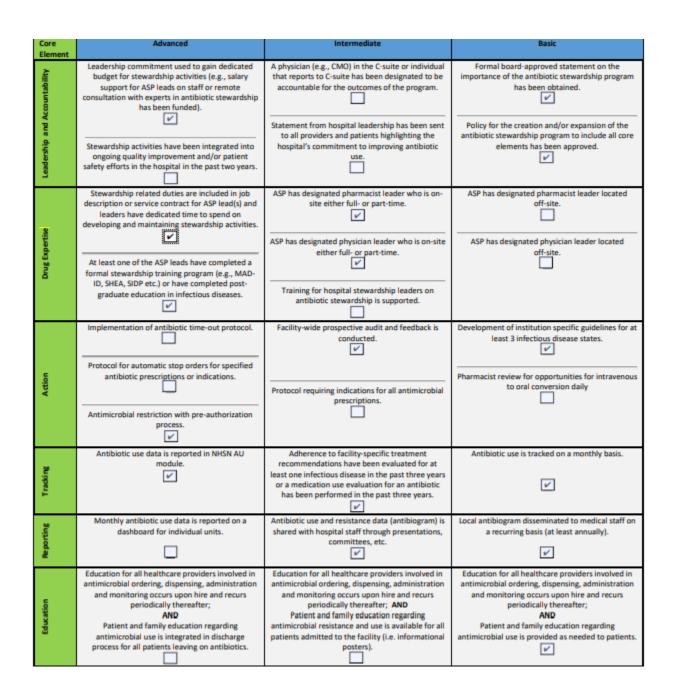


Rationale: A criteria from each core element is checked AND the applicant has at least 4 intermediate criteria checked but does not meet gold status (4 advanced criteria).





Below is an example application that would meet GOLD status



Rationale: A criteria from each core element is checked AND the applicant has at least 4 advanced criteria checked.



