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**Brookdale Senior Living Solutions Commitment to Antibiotic Stewardship**

Brookdale Senior Living embraces the importance of an infection prevention and control program in each of our 69 skilled nursing communities. This includes an antibiotic stewardship program (ASP), providing antibiotic use protocols and monitoring to prevent antibiotic resistance. We are committed to the prudent use of antibiotics on behalf of all residents through a sustainable ASP.

We take our role in the judicious use of antibiotic seriously. Our communities' executive leadership teams are committed to continued involvement with the antibiotic stewardship goals, policies and monitoring program. We facilitate communication between the antibiotic stewardship team with our quality and safety initiatives.

The Brookdale ASP is a collaborative effort of community leadership, nursing staff, physicians and pharmacists focused on continuous improvement on use of antibiotic agents in an effort to combat the emergence of resistant organisms. Brookdale realizes the importance of this process as a necessary component of an overall patient/resident safety program.

This program utilizes the CDC Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes. Key to this program is the commitment on the part of the organization to actively evaluate the use of antimicrobial agents based on standards for diagnosis, prescribing and appropriate usage, with ongoing assessments of the program's strong interdisciplinary approach.

The CDC is welcome to summarize our commitments and share the summary online and with other organizations upon request.

Sincerely,

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