**Application to Participate in Health Policy Commission adviseRx Program**

**Program Overview**

The Health Policy Commission (HPC) is partnering with Alosa Health to offer an opportunity for HPC-certified accountable care organizations (ACOs) to participate in an evidence-based pharmaceutical education program called adviseRx. ACOs selected to participate will identify up to two clinical staff to receive training and support from Alosa Health to provide outreach and education to ACO clinicians regarding evidence-based prescribing to treat type 2 diabetes.

The adviseRx program components are as follows:

1. Training: Participating ACO staff will receive training from Alosa Health through:
   * Clinical content modules for independent study
   * Three 60-90 minute webinars led by subject matter experts
   * One two-day, in-person, basic skills training
2. Program Implementation and Monitoring: Participating ACO staff will conduct educational outreach to ACO clinicians; Alosa Health will provide ongoing program consultation (i.e. mentoring, clinical consultation, monthly conference calls). Participating ACO staff and the clinicians to whom they conduct educational outreach will be eligible to earn continuing education credits (*AMA PRA Category 1* *CreditsTM).*
3. Program Evaluation: The HPC and Alosa Health will work with participating ACOs to identify appropriate metrics to monitor program implementation and assess impact. Participating ACOs will track and report on these metrics.

The program will require participating ACO staff to dedicate approximately half of their time over approximately nine months.[[1]](#footnote-1) For more information about the program, please visit: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/opportunities-for-hpc-certified-acos>

**Application Process**

HPC-certified ACOs that would like to be considered for participation in adviseRx must complete the application below. Please type your answers directly into this document, and then submit it to the HPC at [hpc-certification@mass.gov](mailto:hpc-certification@mass.gov). **The deadline to submit a complete application is August 23, 2019 at 5:00 pm.**

The HPC anticipates selecting five or more HPC-certified ACOs to participate, up to the maximum program capacity of 10 ACO staff (no more than two staff per participating ACO). The HPC will use the following criteria to evaluate ACO applications and select ACOs to participate:

1. the quality and strength of the ACO’s statement of purpose (see question 1);
2. capacity for collecting and reporting data to monitor program implementation and impact (see question 2), and;
3. identification of an internal Champion likely to support implementation within the ACO (see question 3).

If you have any questions about the adviseRx program or the application process, please contact Courtney Anderson and Mike Stanek at [hpc-certification@mass.gov](mailto:hpc-certification@mass.gov).

**ACO Name:**

**ACO Address:**

**Contact Name:**

**Contact Title:**

**Contact Phone:**

**Contact Email:**

1. Statement of purpose: Please describe in 500 words or less why your ACO is seeking to participate in adviseRx. In your response, please describe:
   1. Your ACO’s specific goals for participating in adviseRx, including any metrics you propose to track to monitor your progress toward those goals.
   2. How improving evidence-based prescribing and pharmacy management, particularly for type 2 diabetes, aligns with your ACO’s overall strategic goals for the coming year, including:
      * 1. how your ACO’s ongoing cost containment or quality improvement initiatives align with this program;
        2. how participating in adviseRx would align with or further your ACO’s specific prior or ongoing experience conducting evidence-based pharmaceutical outreach to providers.
   3. Your ACO leadership’s interest in and support for participating in adviseRx.
2. ACOs selected for participation in adviseRx will work with Alosa Health and the HPC to collect data and report on key metrics related to program implementation and impact. These metrics may focus on clinician prescribing patterns (i.e. number of prescriptions written), patient adherence, utilization of health care services, and/or laboratory results. Please describe your ACO’s capabilities for collecting and reporting metrics in these areas, including:
3. Examples of specific metrics that the ACO could collect and report on, and
4. Any limitations to the ACO’s data collection and reporting capabilities on metrics in the areas described above.
5. Please briefly describe the ACO clinical staff (including role and/or title) that you propose to dedicate at a half-time rate to participate in adviseRx. Please specify whether you request participation of 1 or 2 ACO clinical staff.
6. Please identify and briefly describe the individual who will serve as the internal “Champion” to spearhead your ACO’s participation in adviseRx. This person should be a leader within the organization who will actively support its success, including ensuring that the participating ACO staff are appropriately dedicated to the program and are able to conduct the educational outreach with ACO clinicians following the training.

* Champion Name:
* Champion Title:
* Champion Contact Information (email, phone number):
* Brief description of the Champion’s role within the ACO, relationship to the staff who will participate in adviseRx, and qualifications or abilities to help ensure the successful implementation of adviseRx within the ACO:

1. By typing my name below, I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information I have submitted is accurate and complete:

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Date of submission: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Please note that HPC will not provide funding for ACO staff time. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)