



Commitment Form to Participate in the LHAREF Quality Improvement Initiative

The _____ [HOSPITAL NAME] welcomes the opportunity to partner with the Louisiana Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation's (LHAREF) Quality Improvement Initiative to reduce patient harm, address the opioid epidemic, and improve care transitions for our patients and community. As part of the initiative, the **LHAREF**, a non-profit organization, intends to engage with hospitals to advance the adoption of proven strategies that enhance the reliability, safety, and quality of care received by patients to improve patient safety outcomes in the state. The LHAREF will provide education, resources, and support to hospitals to achieve better outcomes for patients.

To achieve this objective, the LHAREF has partnered with nationally-recognized subject-matter experts from:

- **Cynosure/Convergence Health**, a non-profit organization that specializes in providing clinical quality improvement tools and resources. Cynosure Health has worked with hospitals on quality improvement programs as part of the Hospital Engagement Network (HEN) and Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN) nationwide, currently manages the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) efforts for six states, and recently received one of nine national Hospital Quality Improvement Contracts (HQIC) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.
- **PFCCpartners**, a patient and family engagement organization that was founded by a mother of three sons living with mitochondrial disease. PFCCpartners is deeply committed to shared learning, including bringing patients and families to the design process to address health equity and disparities.

With LHAREF support in this initiative, my hospital looks forward to receiving meaningful quality educational tools and resources at **no charge**:

- **Building internal capacity for improvement and infection prevention** through virtual on-demand learning modules, small group trainings, and prep for advanced certification. This includes training for middle managers and governing boards so they can better understand and support efforts to enhance and improve patient safety.
- **Promoting health equity and meaningful partnerships with patients and families** by incorporating insights gleaned from the shared Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) Hub, which includes people from diverse backgrounds using their lived experience to influence healthcare design and delivery.
- **Receiving comparative data reports**, as well as tools and resources to assist in improving patient outcomes.



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Count us in! By signing below, I am confirming my organization's commitment to participate in the LHAREF Quality Improvement Initiative. As a participating hospital, I commit our team to engaging in the work and providing the necessary data timely. I understand that this is a voluntary program, and in exchange for the submission of monthly data, our organization will receive access to **virtual** educational resources. This does not include the in-person support received during previous quality programs.

CEO Name	
Hospital Name	
Email	
Signature	
Date	

The quality lead below will be responsible for leading the organization during the program, including assembling the appropriate teams, implementing improvement plans, participating in educational offerings, disseminating education and tools to staff, and submitting data. The LHAREF Quality Team will be contacting you with additional information as part of the onboarding process.

Quality Lead Name	
Title	
Phone	
Email	
Signature	

Upon execution of an updated Business Associate Agreement (BAA), the LHAREF Quality Program Manager will contact the hospital's NHSN Administrator to confer NHSN rights.

NHSN Administrator Name	
Title	
Phone	
Email	

Please email this completed commitment letter to LHAREF Quality Program Manager Michelle Smith at msmith@lhaonline.org.