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Antibiotics and similar drugs, together called antimicrobial agents, have been used for the last 70 years to treat patients who have infectious diseases. Each year in the United States, at least 2 million people become infected with bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics and at least 23,000 people die as a direct result of these infections. In long term care, antibiotics are among the most frequently prescribed medications. Harm from antibiotic overuse are significant for the older adults receiving care in nursing homes, and include risk of serious diarrheal infections from *Clostridium difficile,* increased adverse drug events and drug interactions, and colonization and/or infection with antibiotic-resistant organisms.

As part of the continuing commitment to provide high quality care to all our residents, (Insert Facility Name here) leadership is committed to the judicious use of antibiotics. We have developed an antimicrobial stewardship program that encompasses the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes. Through this program, we will promote the appropriate use of antibiotics and work to prevent undesirable patient outcomes.

We are dedicated to prescribing antibiotics **only** when they are needed.

Sincerely,

(Insert CEO/Administrator Name here)