



State Plan Recommendations for Quality and Research Workgroup

Workgroup	Subject area	State Recommendation	States plans including recommendation
Quality and Research	Quality	1. Explore grant opportunities to pursue evidence-based best practices in quality measurement and monitoring.	KY, TN
		2. Convene a workgroup of physicians and other mental health and Alzheimer's specialists to determine the adequacy of geriatric psychiatric hospitals, both by number and location.	IL, IA
		3. Establish a consensus plan outlining parameters for the type and length of treatment that should be provided to persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in acute geriatric psychiatric units.	
		4. Support a pilot demonstration project to address the problem of facilities discharging residents who exhibit challenging behavior.	KY, SC
		5. Establish quality care measures with system benchmarks for facility and community-based care for persons with Alzheimer's disease or related disorder.	IL, IA, KY, VT
		6. Advocate for integrated systems of health care and supportive services that are appropriate for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and their families (e.g. disease management strategies, practice guidelines, home and community based care, hospice care and chronic care management).	
		7. Implement a statewide campaign to educate healthcare providers about early detection instruments, such as AD8 and Mini-Cog. Early detection could prepare patients and families for what to expect as the disease progresses.	IA, MI, OK, TN
		8. Include memory screening in annual checkups for patients aged 70 and older.	
		9. Modify existing community needs assessment processes to include questions that would identify and quantify at-risk people with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.	IA
	10. Implement an automatic reminder on electronic medical records system encouraging physicians' offices to provide referral of diagnosed patients to the Alzheimer's Association upon diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or related dementias.	OK	
11. Recommend that pharmacists include written referral to the Alzheimer's Association of a prescription for a memory related medication.			
	Research and data collection	1. Determine and implement an effective data collection system that will collect and analyze the incidence and prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.	IL, IA, KY, OK, SC, TN

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		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Develop strategies to increase and monitor Alzheimer’s disease research funding. 3. Attract more scientific investigators, sponsor statewide efforts to obtain grant funding for dementia research (universities or independent research centers) and encourage public participation in research studies. 	IL, VT, TN
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Make available the Alzheimer’s disease research directory so that prospective participants could access current information on available opportunities. 	SC
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Encourage individuals and families of individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia to participate in research studies post mortem. 	SC
	Education/ Training	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Broaden the groups of professionals who are required to receive training specific to Alzheimer’s disease or related disorders. 2. Establish, initiate and require basic, specialized and periodic education and training, as appropriate, for persons throughout the state whose responsibilities make it likely that they may come into contact with persons with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia (especially direct care workers). 3. Identify specific training resources for targeted audiences across the state and offer customized training. 	IL, IA, OK, SC, TN
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Increase the spectrum of educational resources available by using on-line courses and community colleges. 5. Make subsidized educational opportunities available for those wishing to specialize in this field. 	IA, KY, MS
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Encourage awareness of elder care law and access to attorneys with training in elder care law. 	TN