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**APPLICABLE TO AMBULATORY HEALTH CARE**

**Effective January 1, 2020**

**Standard MM.09.01.03**

Antimicrobial stewardship is identified as an organizational priority.

**Elements of Performance for MM.09.01.03**

1. The organization identifies an individual(s) responsible for developing, implementing, and monitoring activities to promote appropriate antimicrobial medication prescribing practices.

2. The organization sets at least one annual antimicrobial stewardship goal.  
   Note: Examples of antimicrobial stewardship goals may include decreasing the use of antibiotics to treat viral infections or addressing overuse of a specific medication.

3. The organization uses evidence-based practice guidelines related to its annual antimicrobial stewardship goal(s).  
   Note: Guidelines may include diagnostic criteria and treatment recommendations to use when prescribing antimicrobial medications.

4. The organization provides all clinical staff and licensed independent practitioners with educational resources related to its antimicrobial stewardship goal(s) and strategies that promote appropriate antimicrobial medication prescribing practices.

5. The organization collects, analyzes, and reports data pertaining to the antimicrobial stewardship goal(s) to organizational leadership and prescribers. (See also PI.03.01.01, EP 4)  
   Note: Data may include antimicrobial medication prescribing patterns, antimicrobial resistance patterns, or an evaluation of the antimicrobial stewardship activities implemented.

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