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Dear {provider name},  
  
Thank you for your participation in the Arizona Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative for Evidence-based Nursing home Decisions (AZ-ASCEND). Our overall objective is to improve the appropriateness of antibiotic prescribing through evidence-based stewardship implementation. Using protocols that emphasize the use of standardized infection definitions to guide culturing and prescribing practices, administrative engagement, staff education, and consistent data feedback, we aim to reduce unnecessary antibiotic prescribing - and antibiotic-associated adverse events.

This letter is one of the sources of data feedback we will provide to you on a quarterly basis. In addition to the quarterly report and dashboard available to your facility, this document will provide a tailored description of antibiotic prescribing practice in {facility name}.  
  
Since {start date} {facility name} has {directional change} the number of prescriptions failing to meet the McGeer criteria by {directional percent 1}%. There has been a {directional percent 2}% {directional change 2} compared the average change of other skilled nursing facilities in participating in this program. Since implementation of AZ-ASCEND, there have been a {directional percent 3}% {directional change 3} in the number of number of urine culture and sensitivity tests ordered with clinical symptoms, resulting in a {directional percent 4}% {directional change 4} in tests returning colony counts under 99,000 CFUs.  
  
Your participation in this study reduce the burden of antimicrobial resistance. Current estimates report that death from drug resistant infections will cause more deaths annually by 2050 than any other disease, indicating a need for accountability. Thanks to the participation of you and prescribers at ‘r facility.name’, we can improve patient outcomes, while maintaining the efficacy of the medical tools at our disposal.

Thank you,  
  
{ASP director name}  
{ASP director title}  
{facility name}