

# Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Program



## **Kansas Reimbursement Program for SIDP Pharmacist Certification in Antimicrobial Stewardship**

Are you among the growing number of pharmacists interested in increasing knowledge and earning a certification in antimicrobial stewardship? The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Program and the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative (KHC) are again partnering to provide reimbursement assistance to select candidates who successfully complete the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists' (SIDP) Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate Program for Pharmacists. This is a limited offer.

The SIDP Antimicrobial Stewardship certificate training program is conducted in three phases. All components of the training program must be completed within 12-14 months. Some pharmacists complete the program and earn their certificate in less than half that amount of time. Upon successful completion of all three components, SIDP will mail a Certificate of Achievement to the participant. See the program information at <https://sidp.org/Stewardship-Certificate>

The cost of the SIDP certificate program for pharmacists working in the acute care setting is \$750; for those working in the long-term care setting, the certificate program is \$850. If selected by KDHE for this reimbursement program, KDHE will reimburse one-half of the fee upon enrollment and one-half upon completion.

### **Eligibility**

- Pharmacists must apply and be selected by KDHE for the reimbursement program. Presently, reimbursements are limited to up to 15 eligible applicants (limit \$750 or \$850, depending on whether acute care or long-term care certification).
- Pharmacists must be actively working with a Kansas acute care hospital or long-term care facility to advance its antimicrobial stewardship program. The working relationship may be as an employee of the facility or, if no pharmacist is on staff, an individual may be working in partnership with the facility's antimicrobial stewardship team as an employee of a local retail pharmacy.

### **To apply**

Complete and submit the attached application form by February 22, 2021. Individuals will be notified by March 15, 2021, whether they have been selected for this reimbursement program.

### **Reimbursement**

Pharmacists accepted for this reimbursement program must provide proof of enrollment with a copy of the SIDP receipt to KHC by April 1, 2021, to receive the first half of the reimbursement. To receive the second half, the three-phase program must be completed within 12 months of registration, or 14 months of registration if project modifications are needed. Provide evidence of completion to KHC.

If you have questions, contact Bryna Stacey, [bryna.stacey@ks.gov](mailto:bryna.stacey@ks.gov).

# Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate Program Summary

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate Program was developed by members of The Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP). Since 2010, the program has been a resource for pharmacists world-wide in meeting their educational needs for antimicrobial stewardship. Please take a moment to review the summary requirements of the SIDP Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate Program.

## ASP Structure

The Antimicrobial Stewardship certificate training program is conducted in three phases. Each phase must be completed prior to starting the next one.

### Phase 1: Self-Study Learning Component (*approx. 3 months*)

The first component consists of self-study modules available online. Statements of completion will be issued online upon completion of the activity evaluations and passing the post-tests with a grade of 80% or higher. Participant should complete this component within 3 months of registration.

### Phase 2: Live Webinar Sessions (*approx. 5 months*)

The second component consists of completing a minimum of four of the live webinar sessions, though participants may attend all the live webinars. The live webinars will be offered quarterly, and times for all sessions will be viewable after the Self-Study content is completed.

Statements of completion will be issued online upon completion of the activity evaluations and passing the post-tests with a grade of 80% or higher for each of the live webinar sessions. Participant should complete this component within 8 months of registration.

### Phase 3: Skills Component in the Practice Setting (*approx. 4 months*)

After completion of the self-study and live webinars, the participant is required to implement some aspect of antimicrobial stewardship at their facility. Phase 3 Projects completed prior to enrolling in the program will NOT be accepted. The participant must demonstrate they applied some knowledge/skills gained in Phases 1 and 2 of the program in the development of the Phase 3 project to improve the care of patients with infectious diseases. This Phase 3 project could be an IV to PO switch program, development and clinical incorporation of an antibiogram, criteria for use, clinical protocol to treat one or multiple infectious diseases, etc.

The participant should notify SIDP, in writing, of the implementation. After approval by SIDPs panel, a final program evaluation must be completed online to receive CE credit. It is anticipated the participant will complete this component within 12 months of registration, or 14 months of registration if project modifications are needed.

## Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate of Completion

Upon successful completion of all three components, a Certificate of Achievement will be mailed to the participant.

For more information, visit:

<https://sidp.org/Stewardship-Certificate>



## Application Form Kansas Reimbursement Program for SIDP Pharmacist Certification in Antimicrobial Stewardship

This program provides a two-phase reimbursement of the total registration fee (\$750 acute care hospital or \$850 long term care), for selected pharmacists to earn the SIDP Antimicrobial Stewardship Certificate. Presently, reimbursements are limited to 15 eligible applicants. (<https://sidp.org/Stewardship-Certificate>).

Return this form by **Monday, February 22, 2021** to be considered.

### Personal Information (please print)

Full name and credentials: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Information

Are you currently working as a pharmacist?  Yes  No

Which employment setting do you work?

- Acute Care Hospital                       Critical Access Hospital                       Long-term Care Facility

Are you an active participant with your facility's antimicrobial stewardship team?  Yes  No  Somewhat

### Statement of Need

Describe below why you seek this certification and how this tuition reimbursement program could make a difference in your access to this training.

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I certify that this information is true. I understand that any false or incomplete information submitted in support of my application may invalidate my application. I am aware I may be asked to participate in a follow-up evaluation.

Applicant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Facility administrator signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Return this application form by February 22, 2021, to:

Scan and email to Bryna Stacey: [bryna.stacey@ks.gov](mailto:bryna.stacey@ks.gov) or fax to KHC: 785-861-7482

or mail to: Attn: Bryna Stacey, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Healthcare-Associated Infections & Antimicrobial Resistance Program, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 200, Topeka, KS 66612-1274