



Full-Speed Ahead! COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Program: Addressing Short-Stay Resident Booster Challenges

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Today's Quickinar Objectives



Review CMS booster campaign progress.



Review common barriers to increasing COVID-19 boosters among short-stay residents.



Review real-world best practices that have been used to increase booster rates among short-stay residents.

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Tuesday, March 29, 2022

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Thursday, March 31, 2022

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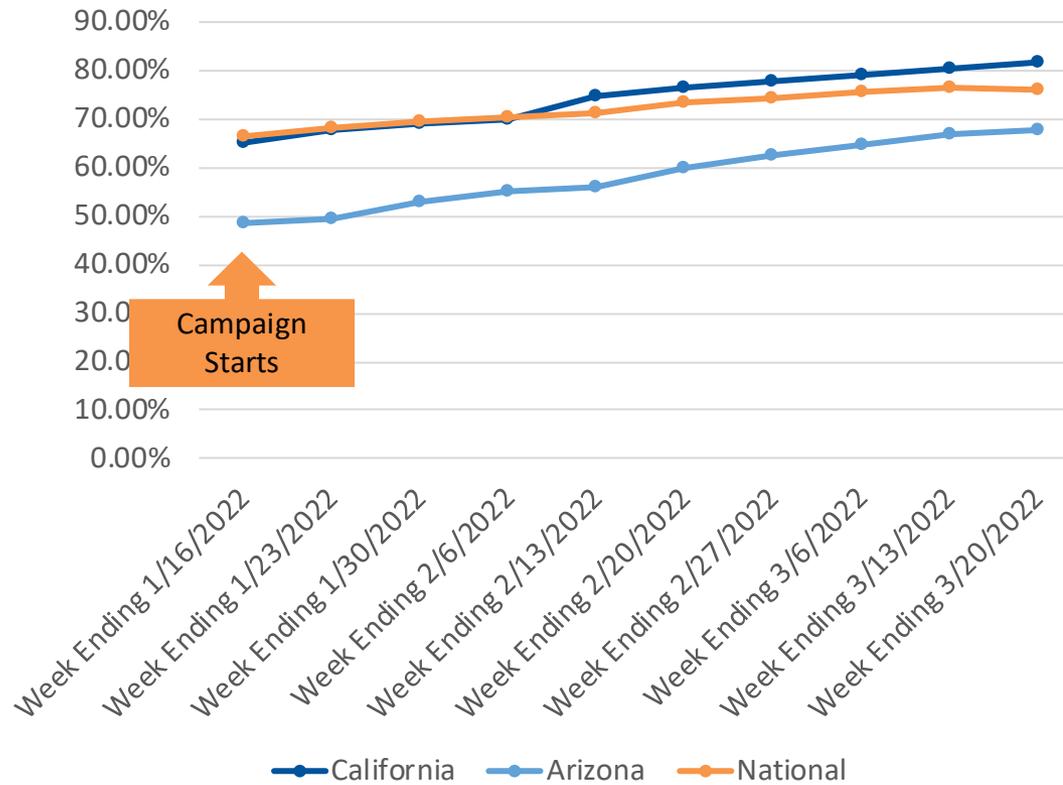
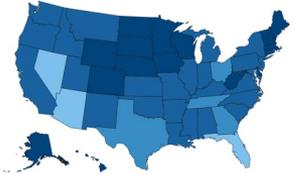
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The CDC will review the new event-level COVID-19 vaccination forms. These are currently called the data tracking worksheets. This worksheet has now been built into the NHSN application for long-term care facilities to manage person-level vaccination data.



The Current State of Boosters in Arizona and California

Resident Booster Rates—Improvement



Current

U.S.: 76.1%
CA: 81.7%
AZ: 67.8%

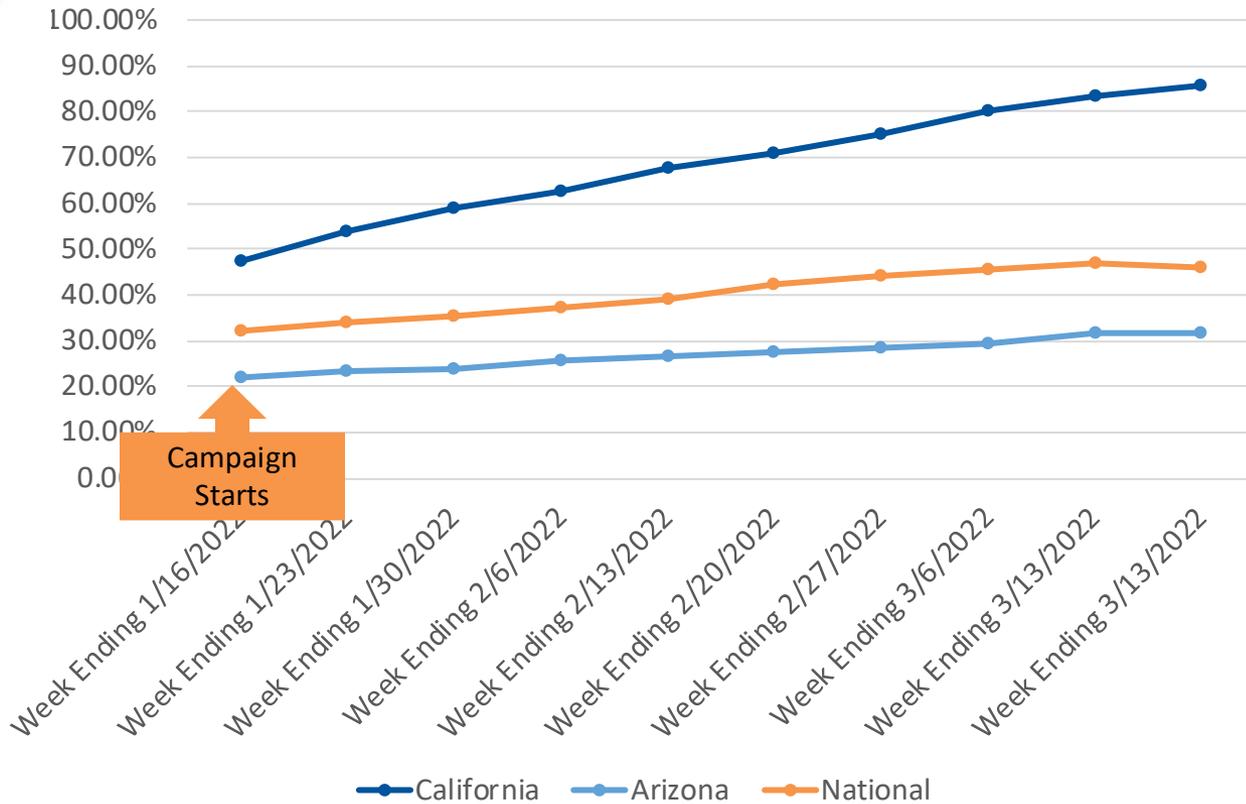
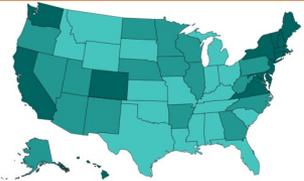
Relative Improvement

U.S.: 14.3%
CA: 25.5%
AZ: 39.8%



<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/covid19/ltc-vaccination-dashboard.html>

Staff Booster Rates—Improvement



Current

U.S.: 45.9%

CA: 85.9%

AZ: 31.8%

Relative Improvement

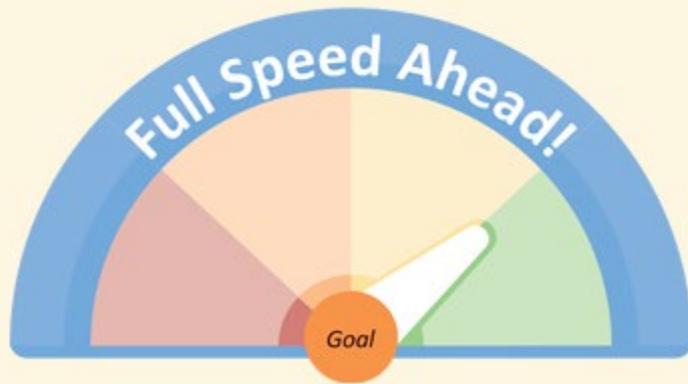
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CA: 80.8%

AZ: 43.9%



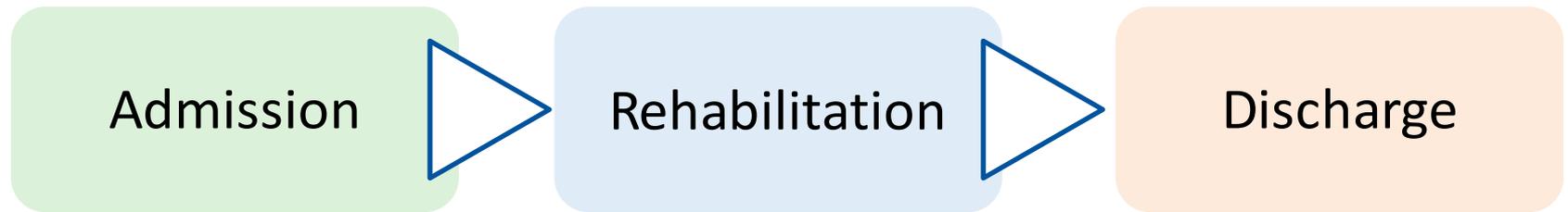
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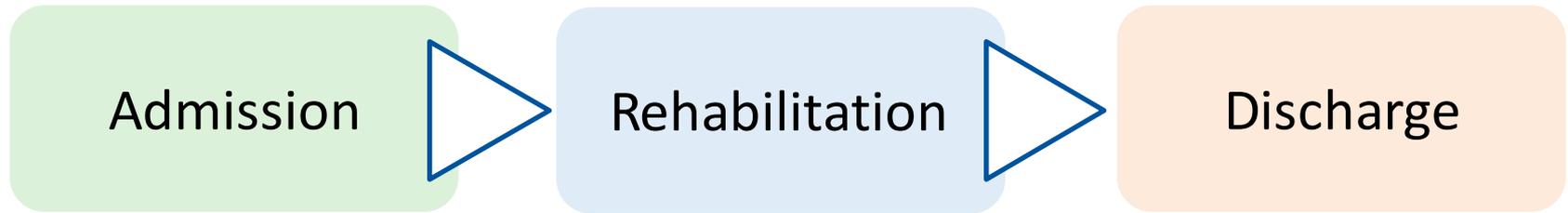
Addressing Short-Stay Resident Challenges

Common Short-Stay Challenges Heard in the Field



- Short-term residents prefer to focus on rehab
- Residents need a break from hospital stay and time to get acclimated to SNF
- Some residents not interested in a booster
- Recent COVID+ residents are delaying boosters for 90 days
- Residents do not want side effects during rehabilitation
- It takes time to get consents from families/caregivers

Real-World Best Practices from the Field



- Leadership makes COVID-19 boosters a facility priority
- Sign up for State Immunization Registry: check PRIOR to admission
 - CAIR2 and ASIIS
 - Don't make checking the immunization registry a one-person dependent process
 - Add it to the admission nurse workflow.
- Become a vaccinator

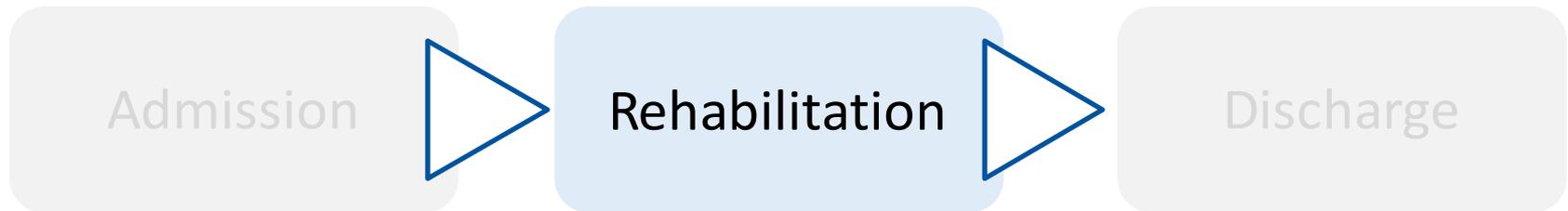
Real-World Admission Best Practices



- Work with hospital case managers to obtain vaccine record before discharge.
- Request that discharging hospital offers booster before discharge to SNF.
- Offer residents the COVID-19 booster upon admission.

One SNF explained to admitting hospitals that residents will be placed on isolation if they are not boosted. This has increased residents getting boosted at the hospital.

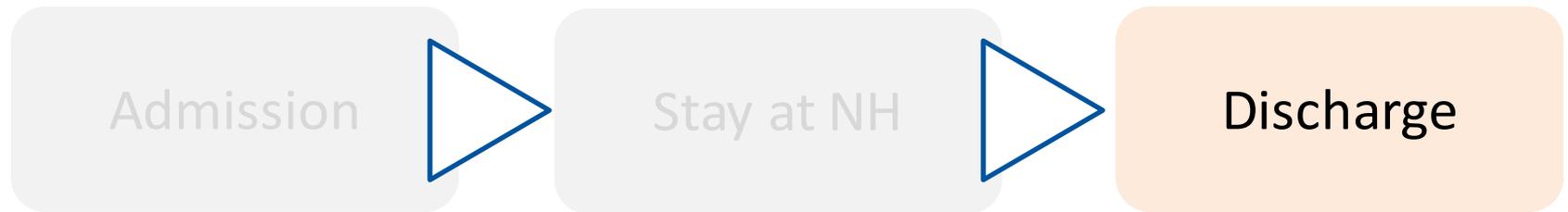
Real-World SNF Stay Best Practices



- Schedule weekly clinics to increase vaccination opportunities.
- Daily rounding of residents to continually educate and offer the COVID-19 booster.
- Resident-focused posters placed throughout facility.
- Monitor NHSN data to ensure accuracy, identify opportunities.

Many SNFs are using motivational interviewing techniques to guide vaccination conversations with residents and their family members. They are also educating on variants.

Real-World Discharge Best Practices



- Social work assists the discharging resident in scheduling a booster appointment in the community.
- Enter patient home ZIP code in pharmacy or health department vaccine-finder websites.
- Social services reviews vaccination status when doing discharge follow up.

One facility has added COVID-19 boosters to their “preventing re-admissions checklist” form to review on day 1, day 7, day 14, etc.

This Week's Action Item

Write down at least one best practice and share it at your next QAPI meeting.



Next Week's Topic: Celebrating Successes



Friday, April 1

11:30 a.m. PT

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Thank you!

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