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Objections and Responses to CoreQ

What is CoreQ?

CoreQ is a nationally standardized customer satisfaction measure designed specifically for skilled nursing centers and assisted living communities. Developed with input from providers, consumers, and quality experts, CoreQ provides a clear and consistent way to gather actionable feedback from residents and their families.

As the industry moves towards value-based care, CoreQ helps demonstrate a commitment to transparency, resident centered care, and quality improvement. Still, some providers have concerns about implementation. Below are common objections and effective responses that can help guide conversations with leadership, staff, and stakeholders.

1. Lack of Resources

Objection: "We don't have the staff or budget to implement CoreQ."

Response: While resource constraints are a reality, CoreQ is designed to be simple and scalable. Implementing CoreQ can lead to better care quality. Improving quality through standardized measurement can reduce costly problems down the road such as staff turnover and hospital readmissions. Plus, there are grant programs and funding opportunities specifically for quality improvement initiatives.

2. Complexity of Implementation

Objection: "The process seems too complex and time-consuming."

Response: While initial implementation may require effort, CoreQ was built with the provider in mind. As a result, many organizations find that the structured framework of CoreQ simplifies ongoing quality management and can be integrated into existing processes.

3. Skepticism about Benefits

Objection: "We're not convinced it will improve outcomes."

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Response: CoreQ is backed by data. Numerous studies show that CoreQ metrics correlate with enhanced resident satisfaction. This is because CoreQ will help you better understand resident preferences, increasing quality of care. These positive impacts can ultimately lead to improved reputation and occupancy rates.

4. Staff Resistance

Objection: "Our staff may resist additional metrics and reporting."

Response: Training and clear communication about how CoreQ can benefit both staff and residents can help alleviate concerns. For example, you can involve frontline staff in the rollout process which can foster buy-in and help promote ownership.

5. Fear of Negative Feedback

Objection: "We're worried about receiving poor ratings and feedback."

Response: Getting negative feedback can be uncomfortable, but it can also be a powerful tool for growth. CoreQ is designed to identify areas for improvement in order to help your facility grow. Tracking progress over time will help demonstrate your commitment to continuous care and improvement.

6. Existing Quality Initiatives

Objection: "We already have our own quality measures in place."

Response: CoreQ is not meant to replace your efforts, it enhances them. CoreQ can complement existing initiatives by comparing performance against state and national benchmarks and track your improvement over time. Unlike in-house tools, CoreQ meets CMS standards and supports transparency and standardization.

7. Regulatory Concerns

Objection: "We're already overwhelmed with compliance and regulatory requirements."

Response: CoreQ aligns with industry goals and can streamline some reporting processes, ultimately making compliance easier to manage. By using CoreQ, you demonstrate a proactive approach to transparency and quality which can support regulatory readiness.

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