**Leadership Support Statement**

Antimicrobial resistance due to inappropriate antimicrobial use is an emerging problem that threatens the health of patients and communities we serve. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insert hospital name) committed to reducing inappropriate antimicrobial use and antimicrobial resistance.

 (insert hospital name) will ensure adequate pharmacy and physician resources are available to ensure antimicrobials prescribed are for the correct patient, at the correct time, and for the appropriate duration of therapy.

 (insert hospital name) will create an antimicrobial stewardship team consisting, at a minimum, of a designated pharmacy and physician leader. The antimicrobial stewardship team will:

* Collect and analyze data on antimicrobial use in collaboration with BJC HealthCare
* Perform interventions to reduce inappropriate antimicrobial use
* Partner with clinicians, infection prevention, quality improvement, microbiology, nursing, and information technology to improve antimicrobial use, when applicable
* Provide education to clinicians and other relevant staff on improving antibiotic prescribing
* Provide regularly schedule data and updates on activities to designated hospital leadership committee(s)

Through ensuring the judicious use of antimicrobials (insert HSO name) is committed to providing safe care for the patients in the communities we serve.

Chief Medical Officer (or designee): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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