

# The Antimicrobial Advocate

## Nebraska ASAP Newsletter

Fighting Antimicrobial Resistance  
**TAKES ALL OF US**

November 18-24, 2024

### *US Antibiotic Awareness Week is coming soon!*

The purpose of the observance is to raise awareness of the importance of appropriate antibiotic and antifungal use, and the threat antimicrobial resistance poses to people, animals, plants, and their shared environment.

[Click Here to Learn More!](#)

Your facility is welcome to participate in any of the following ways!

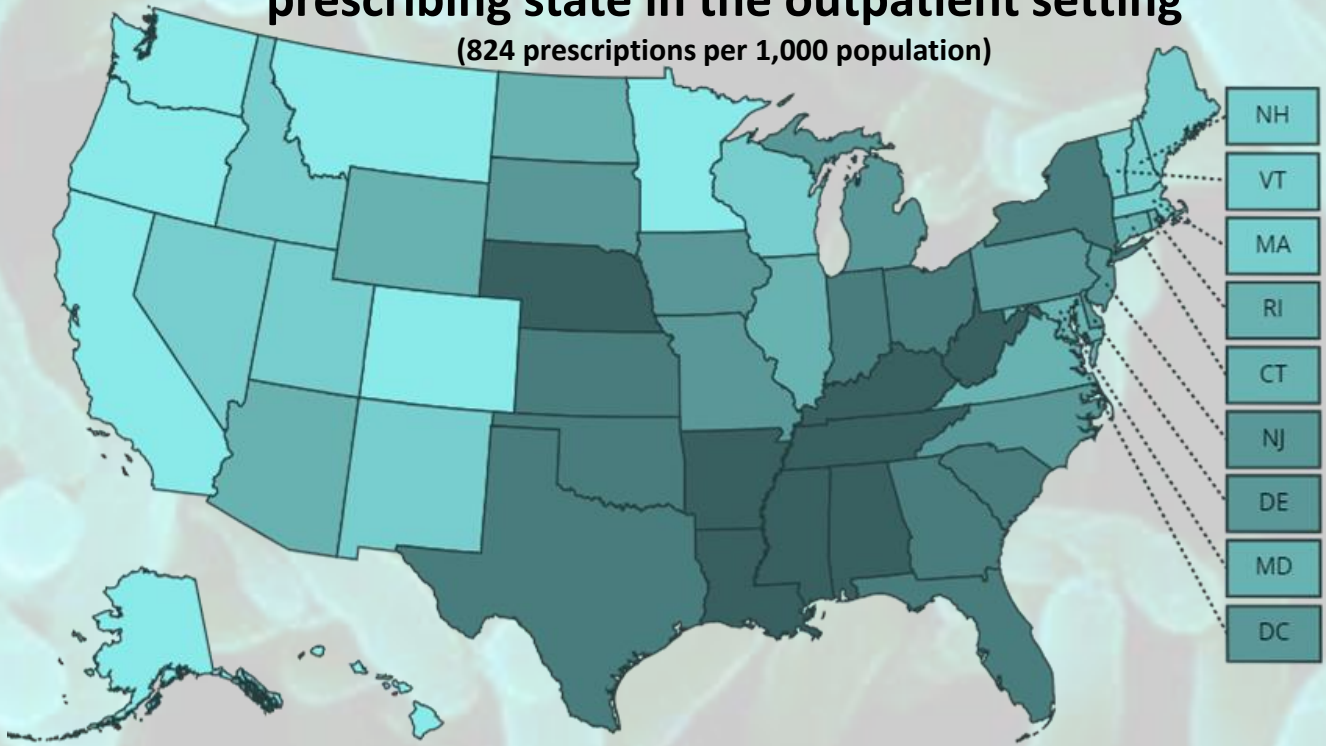
Community Outreach	Digital Signage/ Screensavers
Education	External Website
Flyers	Forums
In-Services/Lectures	Internal Website
Local News	Newsletters
Billboards	Social Media
Videos	Poster displays

# Did you know?

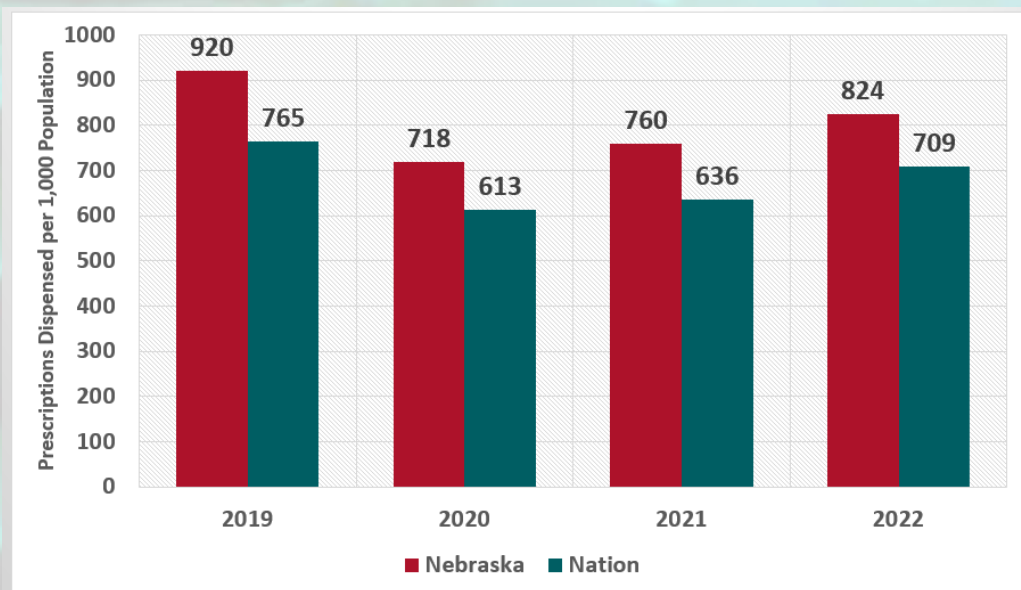
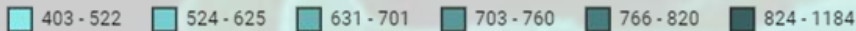
The more antibiotics we use, the more antibiotic resistance develops. Exposure to antibiotics allows bacteria to adapt, making them resistant to the drugs. Over time, these resistant bacteria survive and multiply, making infections harder to treat.

In 2022, Nebraska was the **8<sup>th</sup>** highest antibiotic prescribing state in the outpatient setting

(824 prescriptions per 1,000 population)



All Antibiotic Classes Prescriptions Dispensed per 1,000 Population



**Nebraska consistently prescribes antibiotics in the outpatient setting at a higher rate than the national average.**



# November 18-24, Go Purple for USAAW

Individuals, healthcare organizations, & communities can:

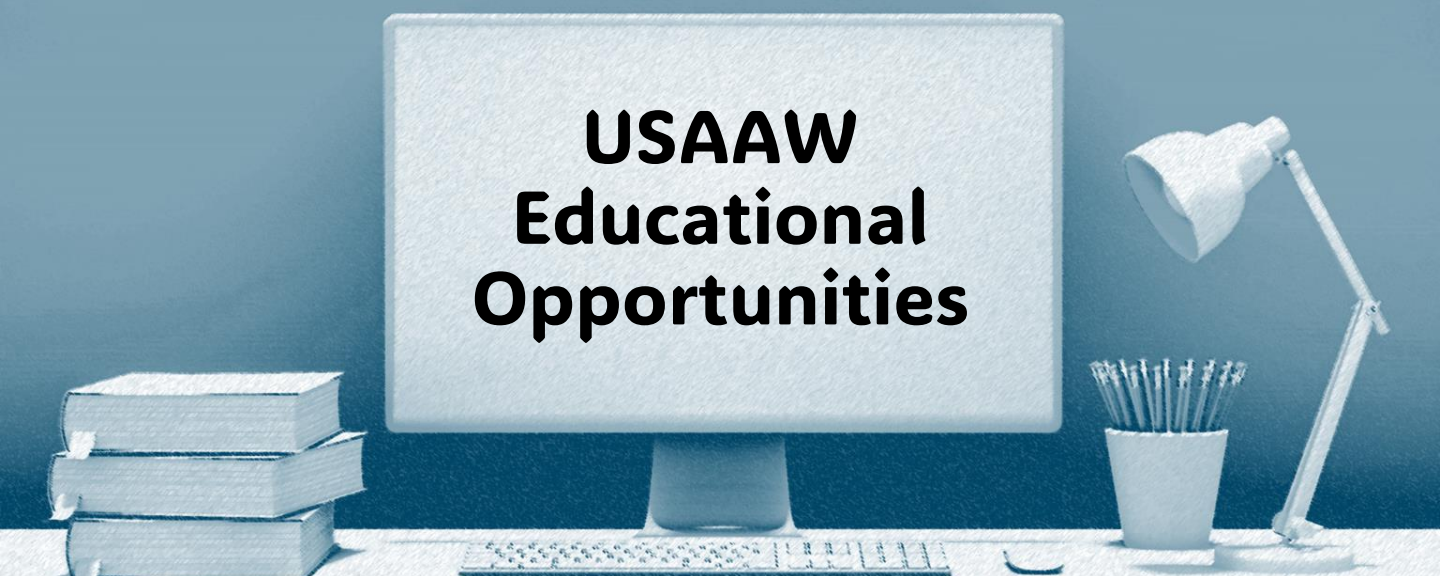
- Wear purple
- Turn social media purple by sharing pictures and tagging #AntimicrobialResistance and #USAAW24
- Light up buildings/landmarks in purple (Hex #2E008B or #685BC7)



## **This USAAW, Be Antibiotics Aware by participating in a Nebraska ASAP Antibiotic Stewardship Program Assessment!**

- Start with a 15-minute online self-assessment survey
  - [Click Here to get started!](#)
- Follow up from Nebraska ASAP ID pharmacist and ID physician for an optional 60-minute virtual or in-person meeting
- Receive a written report of prioritized recommendations
- Resources included
- Non-regulatory!
- Provided at no cost to the facility, supported by a CDC grant
- Hospitals, long-term care facilities, and clinics may all participate!





# USAAW Educational Opportunities

## Tuesday, November 19

**6:30-8 am CST**

Webinar Topic: **Antimicrobial Resistance in Neonates**: Insights on Data, Infection Prevention and Stewardship – Presenters: Amelia Keaton, Fahmida Chowdhury, Fabio Motta [Registration Link – Click Here](#)

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP members)

**12-1 pm CST**

Webinar Topic: **Penicillin Allergy De-labeling** as a Tool for Inpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship - Presenters: Melinda Neuhauser; Cosby Stone, Jr.; Joanna L. Stollings - [Registration Link – Click Here](#)

## Wednesday, November 20

CDC and Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

**2-3 pm CST**

Webinar Topic: Implementation of **Priority Core Elements in Critical Access Hospitals** - Speakers: Melinda Neuhauser, Anthony Rodewald, Trevor VanSchooneveld, Amy Webb [Registration Link – Click Here](#)

## Thursday, November 21

**5 pm CST**

Delaware Department of Public Health

Webinar Topic: How Antimicrobial Stewardship can **Influence Health Equity** – Speaker: Jasmine Riviere Marcelin - [Registration Link – Click Here](#)

American Society of Health-System Pharmacists

Topic: Be Antibiotics Aware: Management of **Community-acquired Pneumonia in Hospitalized Adults** - Speakers: Jerod Nagel; Michael Pulia; Arjun Srinivasan

Free to listen: [Clinical Conversations - ASHP](#)

**Podcast**