

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care Inpatient Quality Improvement Awards 2010

Through utilization review, quality improvement projects, and public education, the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care has promoted excellence in health care for almost 37 years. We believe there are significant activities in the hospital setting that share this commitment to excellence. AFMC created these Quality Improvement Awards to recognize Arkansas health care providers' efforts to improve care for their patients.

The awards are designed to recognize individual performance improvement in AFMC's quality projects. All Arkansas hospitals meeting or exceeding the criteria and requirements are eligible to receive an award.

Inpatient Performance Awards:

Hospital Quality Awards are based on the Appropriate Care Measure (ACM) rates using the 25 Reporting Hospital Quality Data for Annual Payment Update (RHQDAPU) measures. Hospitals will be divided into two categories: PPS and CAH. Each will be based on all cases reported for that facility.

Best Achievement Award

The two PPS hospitals with the highest Appropriate Care Measure (ACM) rates for combined Quarter 4, 2008, through Quarter 3, 2009.

The two CAH hospitals with the highest Appropriate Care Measure (ACM) rates for combined Quarter 4, 2008, through Quarter 3, 2009.

Most Improved Award

The two PPS hospitals with the highest Reduction in Failure rates (RFR) in ACM for the combined Quarters 2 and 3, 2008, compared with the combined Quarters 2 and 3, 2009.

The two CAH hospitals with the highest Reduction in Failure Rates (RFR) in ACM for the combined Quarters 2 and 3, 2008 compared with the combined Quarters 2 and 3, 2009.

Validation Award

This will be given to the two hospitals with the highest post-appeal rates averaged across four quarters (Quarter 3, 2008 through Quarter 2, 2009) with no quarter falling below 80 percent. The Request for Quality Improvement Consideration Form must be checked for your hospital to be considered. No narrative required.

Innovator Award

Awards will be given to hospitals that demonstrate improved patient outcomes or improved processes through community innovation by documenting successful patient safety projects across settings in their communities. Narrative must include names and types of facilities involved, innovative patient safety strategies employed, and measures of success. Those meeting the criteria will be eligible to receive special recognition for innovation in quality improvement.

Award Requirements:

Award Candidate must provide AFMC with a brief narrative of activities related to achievement and barriers encountered.

Submit a Quality Improvement Award Consideration form and all related material must be submitted to AFMC by **March 31, 2010**.

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REQUEST FOR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD CONSIDERATION

Organization Information:

Name of Facility/Office/Agency Address _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Contact Email Address _____ Fax Number _____

Signature of CEO/Administrator _____ Date _____

Check all award categories to be considered:

HOSPITAL:

Hospital Performance Award

Hospital Innovator Award

Hospital Validation Award

Entries must be received no later than March 31, 2010.

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please include the following with this application:

Quality Performance Award

- ❖ A brief description of system changes, barriers encountered, and plan for the future.

Innovator Award

- ❖ Narrative description of care coordination project across settings in your community. See criteria for specific information to include in description.

Applications may be submitted via email, fax or regular mail to:

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care

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**Inpatient Awards
Documentation Form**

Please print written documentation of performance improvement

Inpatient Performance Awards

System changes:

Barriers encountered:

Plan for the future:

Inpatient Innovator Award:

Sharing of innovative strategies:

Sharing of successful strategies:
