

## **Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care Nursing Home 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. AFMC created these Quality Improvement Awards to highlight Arkansas health care providers' efforts to improve care for their residents or patients.

The awards are designed to recognize individual performance improvement in AFMC's quality projects. All Arkansas physician offices, nursing homes, and home health agencies meeting or exceeding the criteria and requirements are eligible.

### **Nursing Home Performance Awards:**

The following awards will be given to nursing homes: **Best Achievement** and **Most Improved** based on the National Patient Safety Initiative (NPSI) quality measures (Physical Restraints, High-Risk Pressure Ulcers and Regulatory History).

#### **Best Achievement Award**

Your nursing home's best quarterly rate during calendar year 2009 averaged across the quality measures. Awards will be given to the top three nursing homes in this category for best achievement and regulatory compliance with first re-visit.

#### **Most Improved Award**

Your nursing home's Quarter 1-2, 2008 (Baseline NPSI period) rate compared to your nursing home's best quarterly rate during the calendar year 2009 in each quality measures and regulatory compliance achieved with first re-visit.

Calculations are based on the publicly reported Quality Measures data.

*Any nursing home that is not compliant after its first OLTC survey revisit is not eligible to receive an award.*

*Any nursing home whose best rate for 2009 is worse than Quarter 1-2, 2008 on any quality measure is not eligible to receive an award.*

### **Innovator Award**

Awards will be given to nursing homes that demonstrate improved patient outcomes or improved processes through engaging community resources to improve patient safety, continuity of care and care coordination. Providers engaged in Culture Change activities, should describe the approach to person directed care. Documentation and/or narrative should include identification of community resources used to facilitate improved patient safety or coordination of care. 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 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:**

**NURSING HOME:**

Nursing Home Performance Award

Nursing Home Innovator 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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**Quality Improvement Awards  
Documentation Form**

*Please print written documentation of performance improvement*

**Nursing Home Performance Awards**

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Barriers encountered:

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Plan for the future:

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**Innovator Award**

Sharing of innovative strategies:

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Sharing of successful strategies:

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