



Physician Office Quality Improvement Awards 2012

Through utilization review, quality improvement projects and public education, the Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) has promoted excellence in health and health care for 40 years, mirroring the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Aim to Improve Health Care for Populations and Communities. We believe that there are those in the physician office setting that have demonstrated the excellence we promote in the provision of health care whose accomplishments should be recognized. AFMC created the Quality Improvement Awards to highlight Arkansas health care providers who achieved measurable and sustainable improvement in the care of their patients through implementation of our quality improvement projects. All Arkansas physician offices meeting or exceeding the criteria and requirements are eligible.

The Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care will award physician offices that meet the criteria for the Platinum, Gold or Silver Standard. Awards will be presented at the 19th annual Quality Conference to be held April 17-18 at the Hot Springs Convention Center in Hot Springs during the awards banquet on Tuesday evening of the conference. More information about the Quality Conference, award criteria and request for award consideration forms are available by visiting www.qualityconference.org.

The following is a description of the award criteria and award levels:

AWARD CRITERIA

1. Adoption of health information technology (examples below):
 - ePrescribing System
 - Electronic Patient Portal
 - Health Information Exchange with a preferred Bi-directional Interface (e.g. lab interface)
 - An alternative Health Information Technology (e.g. statewide or regional registry, robust electronic disease registry)
2. Adoption and utilization of population and care management methods (examples below):
 - Prompts and Alerts
 - Health Maintenance Template
 - Patient Registry (e.g. for Chronic Illness)
3. Commitment and participation in data reporting quality initiatives (examples below):
 - Arkansas Chronic Illness Collaborative (ACIC)
 - Attainment of Patient Centered Medical Home certification
 - Attainment of Stage 1 Meaningful Use criteria
4. Improvement in nationally recognized clinical quality measures:
 - Refer to Measures Chart (attached)

Platinum Standard: The practice must satisfy all four of the criteria detailed above.

Gold Standard: The practice must satisfy three of the criteria detailed above.

Silver Standard: The practice must satisfy two of the criteria detailed above.

Once your application has been received and reviewed, you will be notified if you can expect to receive an award and which standard your practice has met.



	MEASURE # PQRS/ NQF	MEASURE TITLE	DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION	NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION	BASELINE (01/01/2011-06/30/2011)			REMEASUREMENT (07/01/2011- 12/31/2011)		
					DENOM	NUM	%	DENOM	NUM	%
Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD)	204/0068	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Use of Aspirin or Another Antithrombotic	Total no. of Medicare pts. with ischemic vascular d+	No. of Medicare pts. with ischemic vascular d+ and documentation of use of aspirin or other antithrombotic						
	241/0075	Ischemic Vascular Disease (IVD): Complete Lipid Panel and Low Density Lipoprotein (LDL-C) Control	Total no. of Medicare pts. with ischemic vascular d+	No. of Medicare pts. with ischemic vascular d+ who received at least one lipid profile within 12 months No. of Medicare pts. with ischemic vascular d+ with recent LDL-C screening result <100						
Blood Pressure	237/0013	Hypertension (HTN): Blood Pressure Measurement	Total no. of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with hypertension	No. of patient visits for patients aged 18 years and older with a diagnosis of hypertension with blood pressure (BP) recorded						
	201/0073	Blood Pressure Control	Total no. of Medicare patients with Ischemic Vascular Disease	No. of Medicare patients with Ischemic Vascular Disease whose most recent BP <140/90 mm Hg						
Smoking Cessation	226/0028	Preventive Care and Screening: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention	Total no. of pts. aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use one or more times within 24 months and identified as tobacco users	No. of pts. aged 18 years and older who were screened for tobacco use one or more times within 24 months AND who received cessation counseling intervention if identified as a tobacco user						
Immunizations	110/0041	Preventive Care and Screening: Influenza Immunization	Total no. of Medicare Pts. Aged 50 years and older	No. of Medicare pts. aged 50 years and older who received an influenza immunization during the flu season, September-February						
	111/0043	Preventive Care and Screening: Pneumonia Vaccination for Patients 65 Years and Older	Total no. of Medicare pts. aged 65 years and older	No. of Medicare pts. aged 65 years and older who have ever received a pneumococcal vaccine						
Cancer Screens	113/0034	Preventive Care and Screening: Colorectal Cancer Screening	Total no. of patients aged 50 through 75 years	No. of patients aged 50 through 75 years who received the appropriate colorectal cancer screening						
	112/0031	Preventive Care and Screening: Screening Mammography	Total no. of women aged 40 through 69 years	No. of women aged 40 through 69 years who had a mammogram to screen for breast cancer within 24 months						



Request for Consideration

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ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:

Name of Facility/Office/Agency:

Address:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone Number:

Contact Email Address: Fax Number:

Signature of CEO/Administrator _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST OF ITEMS NEEDED FOR CONSIDERATION:

Physician Office (Outpatient) Quality Improvement Award

EHR Vendor: _____ Version: _____

Is your practice currently e-prescribing? Yes No

Is your practice currently participating in PQRS? Yes No

Has your practice participated in the past? Yes No

• If yes, please indicate the year(s) in which your practice participated:

2007 2008 2009 2010 2011

Has your practice participated in the Arkansas Chronic Illness Collaborative (ACIC)? Yes No

Has your practice received Patient Centered Medical Home certification? Yes No

Entries must be received no later than March 2.

Late or incomplete entries will not be considered.

AFMC will review and determine standards that are met by each practice and notify of acceptance.

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

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