



# Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care Hospital Inpatient Quality Awards 2012

**T**hrough utilization review, quality improvement projects, and public education, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) has promoted excellence in health care for almost 40 years. We believe there are significant activities in the hospital inpatient setting that demonstrate a similar commitment to excellence. AFMC created the Quality Awards to highlight Arkansas health care providers' efforts to improve care for their patients. All Arkansas hospitals that meet or exceed the criteria are eligible. Open and confirmed quality of care concerns could impact eligibility based on the category of the concern and the progress of improvement.

## Quality Data Awards

*Award winners will be notified by March 23,  
with a request to display a best practice poster presentation at the Quality Conference.*

AWARD	CRITERIA
<b>Inpatient Prospective Payment System Best Achievement Award</b>	Two PPS hospitals with the highest appropriate care measure (ACM) rates for the time period of fourth quarter 2010 through the third quarter of 2011.
<b>Critical Access Hospital Best Achievement Award</b>	Two CAH hospitals with the highest ACM rates for the time period of fourth quarter 2010 through the third quarter of 2011.
<b>Inpatient Prospective Payment System Improvement Award</b>	Two PPS hospitals with the highest improvement in ACM rates from the fourth quarter of 2009 through the third quarter of 2010 compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 through the third quarter of 2011 and the re-measurement ACM is above or equal to 70 percent.
<b>Critical Access Hospital Improvement Award</b>	Two CAH hospitals with the greatest improvement in ACM rates from the fourth quarter of 2009 through the third quarter of 2010 compared to the fourth quarter of 2010 through the third quarter of 2011 and the re-measurement ACM is above or equal to 70 percent.
<b>Quality Sustainability Award</b>	Any hospital that has sustained its overall ACM scores at or above 90 percent from the third quarter of 2009 through the third quarter of 2011.

## Recognition Group Awards

*Participants will be recognized with certificate and group photo at Quality Conference.*

IHI Project Joints participants
Critical Access Hospitals that have pledged to participate in the Outpatient Quality Data Reporting Program by 3/31/12.



## Quality Innovator Awards

Hospitals are invited to submit an *abstract* for the Quality Innovator Award. The purpose of this award is to recognize hospitals who demonstrate improved outcomes focused on better health care for individuals, better health care for communities, and reduced costs through improvement.

### SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should be no more than 250 words. Single spacing should be used throughout the text. All abstracts are subject to anonymous peer review by at least three reviewers. Please remove any references to a specific institution in the body of the abstract to permit anonymous review and ensure fairness. You **must** include the following elements in the text:

**Title:** The title should be as brief as possible; preferably one line.

**Abstract:** The abstract must include:

***Describe gap in care and evidence basis for conducting the project or initiative.***

(15 points: 1 point = no clear need for improvement and limited evidence to support implementing the initiative; 15 points = well described prior gap in performance and evidence supporting the intervention)

***Describe the measures and methods used for collecting data or information.***

(15 points: 1 point = poorly defined metrics and/or subjective data use only; 15 points = clearly defined process and outcome measures)

***Summarize any system or process changes made based on data or information collected.***

(20 points: 1 point = data minimally used to identify or direct changes; 20 points = baseline data and information collected were systematically reviewed and prioritized, and robust, data-supported system or process changes were implemented)

***Report evidence of outcomes following system/process changes.***

(30 points: 10 points = better healthcare for patients (quality, safety, experience); 10 points = better health for populations; 10 points = reduced costs)

***Describe innovation: how is this work compelling, new or different?***

(20 points: 1 point = project is a repeat of a commonly known intervention or effort [e.g., something required by regulation/core measures]; 20 points = project uses an innovative idea, approach, method used, etc.)

### AWARDS

The top three abstracts will receive the Quality Innovator Award and will be requested to submit a video (5 minute limit) of their project. All submitted videos will be presented at the Quality Conference awards banquet on April 17. **Be recognized as an Arkansas Innovator and submit your abstract!**



# Request for Consideration

## Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care Hospital Inpatient Quality Awards 2012

### 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:

- Quality Data Awards:**
  - IPPS Best Achievement Award
  - CAH Best Achievement Award
  - IPPS Improvement Award
  - CAH Improvement Award
  - Quality Sustainability Award

**Recognition Award**

**Quality Innovator Award**

**Entries must be received no later than March 2.**  
**Late or incomplete entries will not be considered.**

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

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