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5 p.m. Monday,
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The Missouri Hospital Association is again pleased to announce the Aim for Excellence Award – an annual, prestigious award recognizing Missouri hospitals' innovation and outcomes. The award will recognize achievement, disseminate successful models, motivate innovation, promote publication and support application to nationally based grants and awards. Awards will be presented at MHA's 97th Annual Convention & Trade Show.

The award recognizes up to six member organization- or team-based projects that address at least two of the three Triple Aim principles based on the following categories.

CATEGORIES (maximum of one application per hospital facility)

- critical access and rural hospitals
- small and large metropolitan statistical area hospitals
- care collaborative or health care system

For the purpose of this award, a collaborative includes at least one hospital or health system and one non-hospital provider group or organization, under different ownership and management structure, working together to address all three principles of the Triple Aim. This category will not distinguish between rural and metropolitan statistical areas.

2019 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ELIGIBILITY

- project-based applications designating a team or organization
- limit of one application per hospital facility
- intervention must have been implemented for at least one year and have evidence of results
- hospital-based applications must address at least two of the three Triple Aim principles; awards for the comprehensive care model or health system must address all three principles

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

All [applications](#) must be submitted on the application template. No other form of application will be accepted. The application template is a Word document to allow entrants to expand and condense sections under required headings. The application must be single spaced. Calibri font no smaller than 11 point must be used. **The executive summary must NOT exceed one page. The entire application narrative must NOT exceed eight pages.**

PROJECT SUBMISSION

All applications must be submitted through the [online Aim for Excellence program](#). You will be required to create an account the first time you access the program.

2019 TIMELINE

- Release applications – February
- Applications due – May 6
- Notify awardees – Mid-August
- Compile and produce compendium – September-October
- Announce and recognize awardees – November during MHA's Annual Convention & Trade Show
- Press kit and compendium release – November following convention

To learn more, contact Leslie Porth, Senior Vice President of Strategic Quality Initiatives at 573/893-3700, ext. 1305.

JUDGING

Each eligible application will be judged and scored by a team of external Missouri partners, including funders, academics, health-related centers and health-related organizations. Judging criteria will include the following.

- **Executive Summary** — A one-page project summary outlining: 1) project description; 2) goal; 3) improvement strategy; 4) results and 5) lessons learned.
- **Triple Aim** — Alignment with at least one principle of the Triple Aim (population, quality, cost/value)
 - **Bonus Points** (at the discretion of each judge) – Provide evidence of all three principles incorporated into the initiative and results
- **National Academy of Medicine STEEEP Aims** — Alignment with at least one STEEEP aim – safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable, patient-centered
- **Problem Statement** — Problem statement clearly must identify and support, with data, an opportunity for improvement
- **Project Goal** — Project goal clearly must state a measurable improvement
- **Strategy** — Strategy and interventions must be based on scholarly evidence
- **Data Source** — Current, complete, accurate, appropriate, recognized source of data
- **Engagement** — External partner and leadership engagement
- **Results** — Data-driven outcomes
- **Sustainability** — Plan for sustainability and replication/spread
- **Lessons Learned** — Strategy to improve

Applications referencing name, organization and/or location will result in disqualification. Please closely review all documents, charts and graphs.

SCORING

The top application in each category must receive a minimum average total score of 75/100 to receive the award. If no applications in a particular category receive at least 75 points, no awards will be given in that category.

Award Criteria	Explanation	Point Allocation
Executive Summary	A one-page project summary	5
Triple Aim	Alignment with at least one principle of the Triple Aim (population, quality, cost/value)	5
Triple Aim	Evidence of all three principles incorporated into the initiative and results	10 bonus points at discretion of each judge
National Academy of Medicine STEEEP Aims	Alignment with at least one NAM STEEEP aim – safe, timely, effective, efficient, equitable, patient-centered	10
Problem Statement	Problem statement clearly must identify and support, with data, an opportunity for improvement	5
Project Goal	Project goal clearly must state a measurable improvement	5
Strategy	Strategy and interventions must be based on scholarly evidence	15
Data Source	Current, complete, accurate, appropriate, recognized source of data	10
Engagement	External partner and leadership engagement	10
Results	Data-driven outcomes	20
Sustainability	Plan for sustainability and replication/spread	10
Lessons Learned	Strategy to improve	5
TOTAL		110 possible

RESOURCES/TOOLS

For reference and guidance, see the 2018 Aim for Excellence [compendium](#), which highlights the winners, honorable mention and applications receiving at least 75 points from the judging team.

FAQS/TIPS

Please visit the FAQ tab for helpful tips and answers to frequently asked questions.

DEADLINE

Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, May 6.

NOTIFICATION AND RECOGNITION

Winners will be notified in August. Awards will be presented at the Celebration of Achievement Awards Dinner during MHA's 97th Annual Convention & Trade Show, Nov. 7, 2019, at Tan-Tar-A Resort, in Osage Beach, Mo.

QUESTIONS

Should you have questions or need additional guidance with the application or award, contact Leslie Porth, Senior Vice President of Strategic Quality Initiatives at 573/893-3700, ext. 1305.

Questions regarding the electronic submission or online program should be directed to Stacie Hollis, Manager of Emergency Preparedness/Coalition Administrative Liaison, at 573/893-3700, ext. 1321.