



THE HEALTH CARE IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION
Building Partnerships For Better Health Care

Date: May 31, 2017
To: Administrative & Clinical Leaders
From: Kate Flynn, FACHE, *President*
Subject: **Call for Entries: 2017 Delaware Valley Patient Safety and Quality Award**

The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) has hosted the Delaware Valley Patient Safety and Quality Award for the past fifteen years. This program is one of many ways in which HCIF promotes best practices in health care patient safety and quality throughout the region. The award recognizes hospitals and other providers for their innovative contributions in advancing patient care. At this time, we are inviting healthcare organizations—whether freestanding or within a multi-entity system—to submit **up to 4 entries** for projects undertaken at their site alone. A healthcare system may in addition submit up to 4 entries for system-wide projects that span multiple sites.

All entries are submitted via a web-based platform, which automates and streamlines both the application and judging processes. We are continuing to encourage entries that demonstrate collaboration among hospitals and/or providers and other partners across the continuum of care. Finally, in an effort to broaden the pool of reviewers and involve more industry leaders in the process, we are again inviting clinical and administrative leaders to participate in the initial review of award entries. The final stage of judging will be completed by a panel of quality and patient safety experts, who will select the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Winning entries will be recognized at Southeast Connect, a meeting of hospitals and health systems in southeastern Pennsylvania, (formerly known as the DVHC Annual Meeting) on Friday, November 3, 2017; featured in an HCIF press release; and awarded the following grants to support patient safety initiatives:

- First Place: \$3,000
- Second Place: \$2,000
- Third Place: \$1,000

The top ten entries will be posted on HCIF's website and highlighted as some of the region's best practices. Healthcare organizations/health systems with an entry in the top ten will be invited to showcase their initiative at HCIF's annual Partnership for Patient Care Leadership Summit in March of 2018. In addition, the healthcare organization/health system with the winning entry will be asked to present their initiative at the March Summit, an event that brings together leaders in quality and safety from across the region.

Please see the attached entry criteria for instructions. The entry criteria may also be accessed at www.hcifonline.org. **Entries must be submitted online by Wednesday, July 12, 2017.**

If you have any questions about this year's award process, please contact Liz Owens, Project Coordinator, at owens@hcifonline.org or 215.575.3738.

2017 Delaware Valley Patient Safety and Quality Award Entry Criteria

Award Description

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Eligibility: Entries from healthcare organizations in Southeastern PA from across the continuum will be accepted, and may include hospitals, long-term care, LTACs, hospice, home health agencies, rehabilitation facilities, and sub-acute care.

Entries will be accepted only from HCIF-contributing organizations. Check <http://hcfonline.org/partnership-for-patient-care/> for the list of contributors **prior to submitting an entry**. If your organization is not listed but you are interested in contributing, please contact Kate Flynn at kflynn@hcfonline.org.

Only recent initiatives that demonstrate sustainable results (January 2016-current) are eligible for consideration.

Submission Requirements: Entries **must be blinded**. Do not include the organization name or any identifying information in the submission or appendices. Organization's names should be blocked or substituted with "the organization."

Entries will consist of the following:

- Title
- Abstract (limited to 250 words)
- Goals
- Baseline data and results with statistical significance
- Interventions
- Description of following (limited to 100 words each):
 - ✓ how the initiative can be replicated through the region
 - ✓ how the initiative demonstrates innovation
 - ✓ how the initiative demonstrates collaboration with other providers within the continuum of care
 - ✓ how senior leadership demonstrates commitment to the initiative

Please limit your appendices (i.e. data tables and graphs).

Judging: Entries will be reviewed in two stages. The initial review will be completed by clinical and administrative leaders from area hospitals. The final stage of judging will be completed by a panel of judges comprised of quality and

patient safety experts. Entries will be assigned scores, with the highest scores given for innovative initiatives that demonstrate novel approaches.

Instructions and Deadline: Entries will only be accepted through online submission at

<http://app.wizehive.com/apps/hcif2017>

If you are submitting multiple entries for your organization please ensure each entry has a unique email address. The submission portal will only accept one email address.

Deadline for online submission is **Wednesday, July 12, 2017, 11:59 PM**.

Recognition: The top ten entries will be posted on HCIF's website and highlighted as some of the region's best practices. All entries become the property of the Health Care Improvement Foundation and may be freely disseminated in HCIF publications and web resources.

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