

Call for Entries 2022 Delaware Valley Patient Safety & Quality Award



A Letter from HCIF President: Wendy Nickel

The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) is proud to have hosted the Delaware Valley Patient Safety and Quality Award for the past 20 years. The Award program is one of the unique ways in which HCIF promotes and disseminates best practices in health care patient safety and quality throughout the region. At HCIF, we are committed to supporting a healthcare system that is just, equitable, and high quality. This year, we are expanding our call for submissions and invite improvement teams to submit their most innovative patient safety and quality improvement initiatives that seek to embed patient and family engagement and/or health equity (e.g., focused on underserved communities; addressed healthcare disparities in our health system; etc). Additionally, we continue to welcome initiatives that pertain to COVID-19 response and workforce wellness.

Organizations that contribute to HCIF's Partnership for Patient Care (PPC) program – whether freestanding or within a multi-entity system – are eligible to submit up to 4 entries for projects undertaken at each site. In addition, a healthcare system may submit up to 4 entries for system-wide projects that span multiple sites. All entries will be submitted via a web-based platform and will be judged on specific criteria, outlined on page two. We are again inviting clinical, quality/safety, and administrative leaders from regional healthcare organizations to serve as judges and participate in the initial review of award entries in Summer 2022.

Winning entries will be revealed and recognized at HCIF's PPC Annual Leadership Summit in Fall 2022 and grants will be awarded to support patient safety initiatives. Original recognition materials will be developed, including a professional video and other digital content. Please note that any submission indicates your agreement that entries may be freely disseminated in HCIF publications and web resources. If you have any questions about this year's award process, please contact Cassidy Tarullo, Project Coordinator at ctarullo@hcifonline.org.

Sincerely,
Wendy Nickel, MPH
President
Health Care Improvement Foundation

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Entry Criteria

The Delaware Valley Patient Safety & Quality Award is an opportunity for organizations to submit their most effective patient safety and quality initiatives. This year, we are expanding our call for submissions and invite improvement teams to submit initiatives that seek to embed patient and family engagement and/or health equity (e.g., focused on underserved communities; addressed healthcare disparities in our health system; etc). We also continue to welcome initiatives that pertain to COVID-19 response efforts and workforce wellness.

Eligibility

Entries will be accepted only from HCIF-contributing organizations. Check <http://hcifonline.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 Wendy Nickel at wnickel@hcifonline.org.

- Hospitals
- Long-term Care
- LTACs
- Hospice
- Home Health Agencies
- Rehabilitation Facilities
- Sub-acute care

Only recent initiatives that demonstrate sustainable results within the last several years are eligible for consideration.

Instructions & Deadline

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.

Entries will only be accepted through online submission at: <https://webportalapp.com/sp/hcif-safetyawards-2022>

Deadline for submission is May 27, 2022, 11:59PM EST

Submission Requirements

Entries must be de-identified. Do not include the organization name or any identifying information in the submission or appendices.

Organization names should be blocked or substituted with “the organization.”

Entries will consist of the following:

- Title
- Abstract
- Goals
- Baseline data and results
- Interventions and innovations

Judging

Submissions will be reviewed by administrative leaders and quality and patient safety experts from regional health care organizations. Judges will evaluate initiatives based on how well the following criteria are incorporated:

- Achievement of notable level of improvement
- Innovation
- **Health equity *NEW***
- **Patient & family engagement *NEW***
- Collaboration across care settings
- Senior leadership support
- Replicability
- Promotion of an organizational culture of safety

Recognition

Winners will be revealed and recognized at HCIF's PPC Leadership Summit in 2022 and awarded grants to support patient safety initiatives. Original recognition materials will be developed, including a professional video and other digital content.



First Place \$3,000.00
Second Place \$2,000.00
Third Place \$1,000.00

Health care organizations/health systems with an entry in the top ten will be featured on HCIF's website and shared with HCIF's 700+ newsletter subscribers for dissemination.