



Health Care Improvement Foundation Excellence in Health Care Awards

Celebrating Achievements in Patient Safety, Equity, and Quality

The Health Care Improvement Foundation (HCIF) is proud to have hosted the Excellence in Health Care Awards (previously Delaware Valley Patient Safety & Quality Award) for over 20 years. The Awards program is one of the unique ways in which HCIF promotes and disseminates best practices in health care patient safety, quality, and health equity throughout the region. At HCIF, we are committed to supporting just, equitable, and high quality care. This year, we are inviting improvement teams to submit their most innovative, equitable, and effective initiatives that have advanced patient safety and quality at their organizations. Additionally, we welcome initiatives that promote workforce wellness in the face of staffing shortages and that meaningfully incorporate patients and families.

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. Judging will be conducted by administrative, clinical, and community leaders with expertise in quality/safety, health equity, and patient engagement from regional healthcare organizations, who will be reviewing entries in summer 2023.

Winning entries will be revealed and recognized at HCIF's PPC Annual Leadership Summit in Fall 2023. The event attracts healthcare leaders from organizations throughout Philadelphia's five-county region and features national keynote speakers. In lieu of grant awards, enhanced recognition materials will be developed, including a professional video and other digital content and programming to further disseminate winning initiatives. 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,
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Entry Criteria

Health Care Improvement Foundation's Excellence in Health Care Awards (formerly Delaware Valley Patient Safety and Quality Awards) is an opportunity for improvement teams to submit their most innovative, equitable, and effective initiatives that have advanced patient safety and quality at their organizations. Additionally, we welcome initiatives that promote workforce wellness in the face of staffing shortages and that meaningfully incorporate patients and families.



Eligibility

Entries are only accepted from PPC-contributing organizations. Check [our website](#) 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. Eligible organizations are:

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

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



Instructions & Deadline

Each organization is eligible to submit up to 4 entries. 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-awards-2023>

**Deadline for submission is May 26, 2023
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.”

The submission form will request title, abstract, goals, data, and interventions. Evidence of the following attributes is also required:

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



Judging

Judging will be conducted by administrative, clinical, and community leaders with expertise in quality/safety, health equity, and patient engagement from regional healthcare organizations.



Recognition

Winners will be revealed and recognized at HCIF's PPC Leadership Summit in 2023. Enhanced recognition materials will be developed, including a professional video and other digital content and programming to further disseminate winning initiatives.

Health care organizations/health systems with an entry in the top ten will be featured on HCIF's website and shared with HCIF's 1000+ newsletter and social media subscribers.

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