



The Hospital + Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania

Call for Entries

KEY DATES

Submission Deadline – March 1
Winners Announced – April 10
Awards Luncheon – May 23

The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) is looking for those initiatives that showcase the very best in health care from across the state. The Achievement Awards program recognizes health care providers for innovative patient-centered initiatives that improve health care quality, efficiency, and the health of their communities. Participation is a great way to exchange ideas and celebrate innovation!

A graphic for the HAP Achievement Awards featuring a stylized blue and yellow ribbon that forms a shape resembling the state of Pennsylvania. At the top of the ribbon are four stars in blue, yellow, orange, and purple. The text 'HAP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS' is written in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the ribbon.

**HAP
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

*Delivering a Healthy
Pennsylvania*

**Winning teams
recognized at
HAP's 2019
Leadership
Summit
on May 22-23**

Achievement Awards

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS — The relationship between a hospital and its community is rooted in history, built upon trust, and sustained through a strong partnership focused on improving health and wellness. This award celebrates organizations that distinguished themselves through efforts to advance the health and well-being of their communities and may include:

- Population health improvement projects
- Strategic work with community partners to expand access to care
- Resolutions for tackling health disparities and addressing social determinants
- Creating or strengthening healthy environments that make it easier for people to make healthy choices and take charge of their health

OPTIMAL OPERATIONS — Efficiency and effectiveness are key drivers for a strong organization performance. Best practices and standards act as illustrations for hospitals as they attempt to achieve their very best. Entries will be recognized for practices aimed to:

- Improve price transparency
- Reduce costs per capita
- Implement technology to enhance processes or guide operational decision-making
- Strengthen operations and procedures or utilize resources efficiently
- Optimize the health care workforce

IN SAFE HANDS — Patient safety is defined by the Institute of Medicine as “the prevention of harm to patients.” Pennsylvania providers are on a constant quest to improve safety. This award recognizes innovative initiatives that:

- Demonstrate leadership in advancing patient safety
- Emphasize and focus on prevention, reduction, or avoidance of errors
- Improve processes relating to adverse event areas such as health care-acquired infections

EXCELLENCE IN CARE — As the health care system transformation evolves, hospitals are employing new ways to improve outcomes and enhance care and quality. Research shows that patients are looking for high-quality care from empathetic, attentive staff. This award commends patient-centric initiatives that strengthen care quality. Projects may include:

- Clinical care process improvement and care coordination
- Care integration and new ways to enhance care and communication across every setting
- Disease management or end-of-life care
- Collaboration and engagement strategies that involve patients, families, and physicians

LIVING THE VISION —

Delivering on the vision for a Healthy Pennsylvania will require the simultaneous pursuit of improving the patient experience of care, improving the health of populations, and reducing the per capita cost of health care. This “Triple Aim,” coined by The Institute for Healthcare Improvement, is an ambitious objective. Organizations pursuing this aim are defined by their mission, and led by their vision. Hospitals and health systems with accomplishments in all dimensions of the Triple Aim should apply for this award and demonstrate effective systematic changes that transform the care model. One entry will be selected for this prestigious award. Entries for this award should ultimately answer the question—“What are we doing to live the vision of a Healthy Pennsylvania?”

Divisions

Winning entries will be recognized in three divisions:

- Small — Organizations with fewer than 100 beds and/or non-acute care providers
- Medium — Organizations with 100–300 beds
- Large — Organizations with more than 300 beds, including health systems

Living the Vision will be awarded to one distinguished entry.

Judging Criteria

Assessment (15 points); Intervention (25 points)
Results (30 points); Adaptability (20 points)
Content & Development (10 points)

Entry Guidelines

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY — One-page summary should be a concise explanation of the project initiative. It should summarize the quantitative information that best supports the end result and must include:

- Title of entry
- Description of the problem/opportunity, including goal and target audience(s)
- Evidence
- Baseline data
- Intervention
- Results

ASSESSMENT — Describe the needs assessment process and/or research conducted prior to implementing the initiative and the results of that needs assessment/research, including evidence and baseline data.

INTERVENTION — Identify the steps taken to initiate your effort(s) including strategies, implementation plan, and the interventions.

RESULTS — Summarize the success of your initiative and provide evidence of sustained improvements.

ADAPTABILITY — Describe the potential ability to replicate your initiative in other organizations that provide the same service or serve the same type of population. Also, describe how to maintain the initiative and/or its results, any negative outcomes, areas of improvement, or lessons learned.

SUPPORTING APPENDICES — You may include clearly labeled pictures, data tables, or graphs as needed.

CHECKLIST

Entry is:

- Blinded and does not include organization(s) name or other identifying information in the entry's title or appendices
- Limited to 7 total pages; responses and appendices must be one uploadable PDF
- Formatted with a type font of 11 points or larger
- Comprehensive, clearly stated and supported; well written
- A recent project with results during 2018 or later
- Not a previous HAP Achievement Award winner
- Submitted by the deadline: **5 p.m. Friday, March 1**

SAVE THE DATE!
May 23 award luncheon
Hilton Harrisburg

For more information and past winning entries, please visit HAPonline.org/PA-Hospitals/Achievement-Awards.

Questions?

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