



HEALTH QUALITY INNOVATORS O F T H E Y E A R

Nominate Your Team for a Health Quality Innovators of the Year Award!

The Health Quality Innovators of the Year Awards represent HQI's commitment to improving health care in communities by recognizing organizations who are using evidence-based approaches to quality improvement.

Awards will be given in five categories:

- **Collaboration**
- **Health Equity**
- **Population Health**
- **Rural Health**
- **Workforce Resiliency**

Who is eligible for an award? Nominees must be health care providers, partners and/or stakeholders who have worked with HQI on any quality improvement initiatives or engagements since July 2022. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of judges representing health care organizations, HQI's Patient and Family Advisory Council and HQI's team members.

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The nomination period is open September 5 - October 20, 2023.

AWARD CATEGORIES & CRITERIA

Collaboration

The **Collaboration** category recognizes the efforts of organizations committed to bringing others together to solve health care challenges. Nominees must demonstrate a commitment to improving health care in the communities they serve by creating partnerships that are:

- Bringing together individuals and organizations with different perspectives and engaging patients/caregivers, social/faith-based organizations, local government, transportation services, emergency medical services and/or others working outside of the health care system.
- Creating a plan for action that shares work and responsibility among all partners, in a way that leverages their strengths.
- Embracing a patient and family-centered approach that reflects diversity and addresses disparities.
- Building consensus about improvement priorities and raising awareness of the need for action to improve care.
- Making at least initial progress toward reaching goals.

Health Equity

The **Health Equity** category recognizes organizations that have successfully implemented interventions to address disparities by race and ethnicity, socioeconomic status, geographic location, disability, and/or sexual orientation across a range of conditions. Nominees in this category should exhibit a commitment to reducing disparities by:

- Implementing evidence-based practices or programs that increase the use and availability of preventive services or treatments.
- Demonstrating improvement in health outcomes.
- Establishing strong partnerships with community-based organizations.
- Integrating cultural competence best practices among the organization's workforce to deliver unbiased person-centered care.
- Using data collection and monitoring to evaluate the impact of interventions.

Population Health

The **Population Health** category recognizes organizations that work to improve the health of patients and communities through prevention, treatment, and improved access to care. Nominees should exhibit a commitment to improving community health by:

- Demonstrating patient-centered strategies to improve individual community health.
- Implementing evidence-based practices or programs that increase the use and availability of preventive services or treatments for underserved populations.
- Educating and equipping people to take better care of themselves.
- Demonstrating improvement in health outcomes.
- Using data collection and monitoring to evaluate the impact of interventions.

Rural Health

The **Rural Health** category recognizes **rural health care facilities*** that have made outstanding contributions to rural health care. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to improving health services for individuals in rural areas by:

- Demonstrating improvement in health outcomes.
- Improving communication and coordination among patients, families/caregivers, health care providers and/or community partners.
- Embracing a patient and family-centered approach that reflects diversity and engages patients and families as equals in health care decision making.
- Using the data collection and reporting functionalities of electronic health records to drive improvement.
- Making preventive services or treatments more accessible to those who need them.

*Nominees must meet the **Rural Health Information Hub's** definition of rural. To verify if a nominee is rural, you may access the **[Am I Rural? Tool](#)**.

Workforce Resiliency

The **Workforce Resiliency** category recognizes organizations that have successfully implemented initiatives or programs within their organization aimed at reducing burnout, increasing workforce wellness, improving retention and reducing turnover. Nominees' initiatives or programs could relate to one or more of the following:

- Fostering a workplace culture that encourages open communication, collaboration, teamwork and learning opportunities from defects and successes.
- Implementing and delivering ongoing professional, clinical and mental health and wellness training programs to strengthen the workforce.
- Understanding from leadership of the day-to-day work, recognizing what team members are doing and celebrating outcomes.
- Establishing partnerships with stakeholders and utilizing local resources to build the organization's workforce and retain or attract team members.

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