

## Nursing in Managed Care Award

This award, sponsored by the Michigan Nurses Association, recognizes the role of nursing in care management, health education and wellness programs that are at the core of managed care services. The award will recognize a nurse or a nurse-led program for collaboration with a managed care plan to improve health outcomes for plan members.

Eligible candidates will be nurses or nurse-led programs providing case management, health education, and wellness services in collaboration with an MAHP member health plan. Eligible candidates may be affiliated with an agency, physician organization or hospital or other organization engaged in patient care or health education. Submit nominations for only those programs that have been in place for at least one year, and for which data can be provided to demonstrate outcomes.

Candidates may be nominated by an MAHP member health plan, self nominated, or nominated by a colleague familiar with the program. To apply, complete the cover sheet and attach a program summary of no more than 500 words. The summary should address the following issues:

1. The program, the health issue it is intended to address and the role of the nominated nurse(s) in implementing the program.
2. The objectives of the program, and the role of nursing in the program's design.
3. The demographics of the member population targeted by the program.
4. Unmet need(s) addressed by the program and the nominated nurse(s).
5. Program outcomes and the role of the nominated nurse(s) in achieving the outcomes.
6. Any additional details that will enhance the reviewers' understanding of the program and the role of the nominated nurse(s).

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges from health plans and nursing. The following criteria will be used in their review:

1. Improvement in access to education and case management services.
2. Demonstrated improvement on key clinical and process measures identified in the program design.
3. Contributions to improved clinical outcomes and/or quality of life of the health plan members.