

## ***Reorganizing Pinnacle Award & Best Practices***

**Why:** To increase participation, collect greater evidence-based best practices, and give health plans more flexibility to submit applications of their choosing, the Michigan Association of Health Plans and MAHP Foundation is working on restructuring its Pinnacle Awards and Best Practices Forum.

**What:** Below are the guiding principles behind the Reorganization

- **Reducing the number of award categories:** Instead of offering more than a dozen highly technical award categories that are often difficult for health plans to submit applications for, we will be offering fewer and more diverse award categories to give health plans greater flexibility to be creative with their own program initiatives, thereby increasing the level of competition of the program.
- **Moving to a 2-year program and longer application period:** To allow health plans more time to collect essentially data elements to illustrate greater evidence based best practices, we will be moving the Pinnacle Awards and Best Practices programs to a two year schedule and extending the application period.
- **Providing application support:** Based upon the more than three decades of experience, we will be hosting application best practices forums to assist health plans with writing award winning applications based upon input from longstanding judges.
- **Seeking input from health plans:** As we work through restructuring plans, we will be soliciting input from the MAHP Public Relations and Quality Improvement Committees for determining new award categories, timelines, and application resources.

**When:** Below are the tentative new timelines for our future Pinnacle Awards & Best Practices Forum.

- Application Resources Forums – *Spring of 2023*
- Application Period Begins – *Fall of 2023*
- Next Pinnacle Awards – *Summer of 2024 at MAHP Summer Conference*
- Next Best Practices – *Fall of 2024*