2018 TMF Hospital Quality Improvement Award Program

**Purpose**
To formally recognize hospitals in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico for their dedication and commitment to improving the quality of care provided to patients

**Strategy**
Public recognition for hospitals that are focused on quality improvement by providing exceptional care throughout their facility and in everyday practice

**Goals**
Improve the quality of care for patients through reliable delivery of inpatient and outpatient services and maximized use of effective care management strategies
Recognize high-performing hospitals for their continued focus on quality improvement
Align with the quality improvement efforts of TMF Health Quality Institute and state hospital associations

**Methodology**
The TMF Hospital Quality Improvement Award program recognizes three tiers of winners for their performance on specific outcome measures: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The program includes criteria for Inpatient Prospective Payment Systems (IPPS) Acute Care Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Eligible Hospitals, IPPS hospitals ineligible for (VBP) and Critical Access Hospitals (CAH). The criteria include quality data reporting measures and readmissions measures.

Hospitals will automatically be enrolled in the 2018 – 2019 award program.

Clinical outcome measures included in the program are based on the hospital’s performance in the time periods designated in the criteria.

A review panel will determine award eligibility based on the published criteria. All hospitals meeting or exceeding the criteria will receive an award.

**Eligibility**
Any IPPS Acute Care VBP eligible hospital, IPPS hospitals ineligible for VBP or CAH in the states of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas and the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico.

**Awards**
Gold, Silver and Bronze winners will receive
- A commemorative award
- Recognition through a media campaign
- Announcements in various trade publications

**IMPORTANT DATES**
Performance measures are from April 1, 2018 – Sept. 30, 2019. Award winners will be notified in the third quarter of 2020.

If you have questions about the program, please email ppqualityaward@tmf.org.