Purpose
To formally recognize physician practices in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico and Texas for their dedication and commitment to providing high-quality patient care and improving outcomes.

Strategy
Public recognition for physician practices that are focused on using health information technology to educate and provide exceptional services to patients.

Goals
Improve quality of care for patients through reliable delivery of services and maximized use of health information technology.

Recognize high-performing physician practices for their quality improvement work.

Methodology
The Physician Practice Quality Improvement Award program is based on performance categories and measures that align with the Merit-based Incentive Payment System.

Clinical outcome measures included in the program are based on the practice's performance for 12 months beginning Jan. 1, 2018, and ending Dec. 31, 2018.

Physician practices will submit the final application online at [https://award.tmf.org](https://award.tmf.org) by Aug. 16, 2019.

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

Eligibility
Any practice in the state of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, the territory of Puerto Rico and Texas, with one or more licensed physicians providing care for Medicare fee-for-service patients. All practicing provider(s) must not have been disciplined or excluded by any federal or state regulatory agency, licensing board or health care facility in the last five years.

Awards
Gold, Silver and Bronze award winners will receive:
- A commemorative plaque to display
- Recognition through a media campaign

IMPORTANT DEADLINES
Applications are due Aug. 16, 2019.

Award recipients will be notified in the fall of 2019.