

Missouri Alliance for Home Care

Award Categories and Criteria

Use the following category descriptions as a guide for submitting nominations. The narrative of the nomination should reflect how nominee meets one or more of the criteria of a specific category and tell the story of the nominee's eligibility. Please read category criteria carefully to assure a match to the nominee's actions.

CAREGIVER AWARD CATEGORIES

PROFESSIONAL CAREGIVERS AWARD

Nominees are:

- Nurses
- Therapists
- Social Workers
- Pharmacists
- Dietitians
- Chaplains

Candidates have exemplified a dedication to the provision of quality care through:

- Longevity
- Dependability
- Commitment
- Strong "Team Spirit"
- Sensitivity to the needs of a client
- Professionalism in dealing with difficult clients
- Other high performance standards

Up to four awards may be given in this category

PARAPROFESSIONAL CAREGIVERS AWARD

Nominees could include:

- Homemaker/companions
- Personal care attendants
- HME and IV technicians
- Home health aides
- Nurse Aides

Candidates have exemplified a dedication to the provision of quality care through:

- Longevity
- Dependability
- Commitment
- Strong "Team Spirit"
- Sensitivity to the needs of a client
- Professionalism in dealing with difficult clients
- Other high performance standards

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ABOVE AND BEYOND CAREGIVER AWARD

Given periodically to a caregiver who has gone above and beyond the call of duty in providing care and demonstrated commitment and dedication to patient care.

Nominee must have demonstrated:

- Exemplary courage in an unusual situation
- Experienced extremely adverse conditions when making a home visit
- Special characteristics of heroism or valor

PHYSICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Given to recognize the home care or hospice physician who has excelled in the promotion or utilization of home care or hospice services.

AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO THE INDUSTRY

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Awarded for special service to the home care industry in the areas of:

- Education
- Research
- Improvement of patient care
- Notable contributions toward the advancement of the home care industry
- Initiation or participation in activities promoting quality care at the national, state or local level
- Demonstration of outstanding personal and professional leadership qualities

PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

This award provides an opportunity to recognize elected officials, state or federal employees or other public servants who have:

- Demonstrated an understanding of home care issues
- Worked toward improving the quality of home care
- Created sound public policy aimed at the preservation of independence, dignity and autonomy for home care clients.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT AWARD

Given in recognition of a local community organization or individual for efforts in promoting awareness of, the value of and/or importance of home care services in the community. Possible nominees may include:

- Local media
- Civic volunteer or fundraising organizations
- Individuals who have advocated for or brought attention to the benefits of home care.

SUSAN JENKINS AWARD

Nominees will include any individual who displays:

- Pioneer spirit
- Willingly represents and supports all home care and hospice services and companies
- Understands and demonstrates through actions and words that home care is better for the patient, payer and society
- Believes that necessary health services should be provided to those needing them and strives to achieve that goal

Current members of the MAHC Board of Directors are not eligible for this award.

AWARDS FOR OTHER STAFF MEMBERS

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF AWARD

Nominees include any support staff employee whose actions have significantly improved the operations of their company through:

- Efficiency
- Problem solving
- Productivity
- Creativity
- Innovation
- Exhibiting exemplary "team spirit"

Nominations must identify a specific outcome from the actions of this employee.

VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award category gives home care and hospice providers an opportunity to honor a valuable volunteer who has:

- Demonstrated commitment and dependability
- Been involved in an event or situation which has made a real difference in the lives of your client or the client's family

Criteria for this award include:

- Length of service
- Number of volunteer hours
- An extraordinary involvement in some unique event or situation