

2009 Quality Awards Program

Affinity Health Plan instituted a Quality Awards Program in 2008 to reward its providers for superior quality of care provided to its Members. These monetary awards are given out annually and are based on performance on select QARR (Quality Assurance Reporting Requirements) measures. Awards are given out to the top performers for each individual measure as well as top performers for all measures combined.

Performance on the quality measures is measured using the NCQA HEDIS (Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set) criteria. The included measures reflect on performance on preventive care as well as adherence to standard guidelines for care for acute and chronic disease conditions. Data used for calculating the performance rates comes from the claims and encounter data as well as information collected from the medical records (wherever allowed). Providers must meet the minimum membership and denominator threshold for an indicator to qualify for participation in the program.

The 2009 awards will be based on 2008 performance. Awards will be announced and distributed in the Fall of 2009.

For more information on the 2008 program or have questions on the methodology or timelines for the 2009 program, please call Hemant Lanjewar, Senior Manager Quality Management at 718-794-6038.