



2026 Excellence Award Submission Form

Please send this completed form and attachments of supplemental evidence in one email to advocacy@naacos.com with the subject line "Excellence Award submission [ORG NAME]" by 11:59 p.m. ET July 30, 2026.

The review committee will evaluate submissions in August and notify award winners in early September. Awards will be presented at the NAACOS Fall Conference being held October 14-15, 2026, at the Marriot Marquis in Washington, D.C.

Awardees will select a senior leader to accept the award on behalf of their entity at a plenary session. This leader, or another member of the team, will also be asked to present as part of a breakout panel discussion at the meeting. The senior leader will be given complimentary conference registration but will be expected to cover their own travel and lodging expenses.

Email any questions to advocacy@naacos.com.

Name of submitter:

Email address of submitter:

Name of senior leader sponsor:

**Sponsor must be available to receive the award October 14-15, 2026, at the NAACOS Fall Conference, if selected.*

Please provide key details about your value-based care entity. Details will be used by the review committee to understand the scope of your entity. If selected, NAACOS staff will confirm all details before including in public materials.

- Entity name (*name should match entity name used in NAACOS member enrollment*):
- Total number of patient lives under VBC arrangements:
- Number of providers:
- Geographic footprint:
- Length of time your entity has participated in VBC (round up to nearest year):
- Payers you contract with (select all that apply):
 - Medicare
 - Medicare Advantage
 - Commercial Plans
 - Direct to employer
 - Other:

Please describe your entity's success in each of the three areas below. Entries will be evaluated based on how compelling the efforts are, and the level of evidence included to demonstrate year-over-year impact.

1. **Performance (40% of total score):** Describe how the organization has sustained performance or significant improvement in value-based care across lines of business and payment models. Reviewers will be evaluating organizations for:
 - Improved quality and outcomes across multiple populations and areas of care (20%); and
 - Successful implementation of value-based payment arrangements with reductions in total cost of care across lines of business (20%).

**Consider highlighting multi-year evidence of savings across contracts, year-over-year quality improvement, or demonstrated growth of initiatives. Attach supporting documentation or evidence to your submission email.*

2. **Data and Technology (30% of total score):** Explain how your organization has leveraged technology and data to manage population health and improve clinical practice and patient care. Responses should highlight innovative uses of data and technology that have been used to:
- Reduce provider burden or support practice-level care delivery improvements (15%); and
 - Foster patient engagement or deploy patient-level care solutions (15%).
**Consider including multi-year data to demonstrate return on investment of implementing new data or technology solutions, or improved provider and/or patient outcomes tied to innovative use of data and technology. Attach supporting documentation to your submission email.*

- 3. Partnership (30% of total score):** Illustrate ways your organization has demonstrated a commitment to effective collaboration with providers, patients and community representatives, and across the broader care continuum in its value-based care efforts, as well as the impact these partnerships have had. Nominations should detail ways the organization works to:
- Engage external providers and collaborate with other elements of the care delivery continuum (e.g., post-acute care, palliative care, etc.) (15%); and
 - Foster engagement with the broader community, such as by partnering with community-based organizations and other community care providers (15%).
**Consider highlighting data showing the growth of formal partnerships and positive outcomes linked with the work of community organizations in your response. Attach supporting documentation to your submission email.*

Additional information or supporting evidence:

Nominees should include supplemental evidence as separate attachments to the submission email to illustrate the merits and impact of the entity. Allowable file types include Word, Excel, PPT, and PDF.