Case Management Practice Improvement Award & Case Management Research Award

Entry Rules & Deadline Dates
Award Criteria for CMSA’s 
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PURPOSE
CMSA’s Case Management Practice Improvement Award (CMPI) and Case Management Research (CMR) Award recognize an individual, group, or organization that uses findings from a research or quality/performance improvement (QI/PI) project for innovation in the advancement of case management practice and/or improved client outcomes.

These two awards have been established to:
- Honor successful efforts to promote evidence-based case management practice;
- Acknowledge exceptional efforts to research best-practice innovations that help quantify and define outcomes in case management;
- Encourage activities which aim to advance knowledge of case management; and
- Recognize efforts that promote essential practice components as defined by the CMSA Standards of Practice for Case Management

AWARD CRITERIA

CMSA’s Case Management Practice Improvement Award
- Completed QI/PI project
- Clearly articulated statement of the problem or opportunity
- Clearly defined QI/PI process or approach applied using a multidisciplinary focus
- Description of key individuals and/or organizations participating on the multidisciplinary QI/PI team
- Clearly identified and defined 2 or more performance indicators
- Clearly identified interventions taken to improve case management performance and outcome indicators
- Use of data and ability to substantiate decisions with concrete data – (measurement period to be a minimum of 6 months)
- Description of findings and contribution of the project to case management knowledge, practice and/or client outcomes
- Efforts of dissemination of the findings, such as publication and/or public speaking engagements

CMSA’s Case Management Research Award
- The study question is relevant to case management practice
- Appropriate application of the research process includes clearly defined conceptual framework
- Use of valid and reliable instruments
- Methods, procedures of data collection and analysis, and test statistics applied are consistent with the research design
- Clear description of findings and their implications for case management practice, further research, and health policy
- Research merit or contribution to case management knowledge
- Efforts of dissemination of the findings, such as publication and/or public speaking engagements
EXAMPLES

Examples of projects that may be appropriate for CMSA’s Case Management Practice Improvement Award and/or CMSA’s Case Management Research Award may include, but not limited to, the following:

- Development of a Case Management Emergency Department program to improve transitions of care; outcome indicators could include decreased LOS, decreased avoidable readmissions, decreased inappropriate admissions, etc.
- Development of a Case Management Mentorship program; outcome indicators could include job satisfaction; % retention year 1 of employment, % retention year 2 of employment, etc.
- Development of a Case Management Career Ladder program; outcome indicators could include job satisfaction, etc.
- Development of a Case Management Certification program; outcome indicators could include job satisfaction, % of case managers who are certified, etc.
- Development of a Case Management program to improve specific client outcomes; for example:
  1. % of patients with Diabetes with HbA1C rates of <7 (Diabetes Case Management program);
  2. % increase mammography rates for women in X population (Case Management wellness/disease prevention program);
  3. % decrease in readmission rates for patients 75 years old and with X chronic conditions (Transition of Care Case Management program);
  4. % increase in clients’ adherence to medications use (Use of evidence based methods/tools such as CMAG tools to improve patient outcomes

ENTRY RULES

CMSA’s Case Management Practice Improvement Award and Case Management Research Award is open to individual, organization or group interested in being recognized for their work in the areas of research or quality/performance improvement (QI/PI) in the advancement of case management practice and or improved client outcomes.

ELIGIBILITY: Entries must represent projects completed by the award submission deadline, March 15.

CHOOSING AWARD CATEGORIES: Entrants may nominate their project in one of the following categories based on the criteria for each award.

- Case Management Practice Improvement Award – a quality improvement/performance improvement (QI/PI) project
- Case Management Research Award – a completed research study (with minimum of 6 months of data)

ENTRY PROCEDURE: All entries must be received by submitting a completed electronic copy of the appropriate award application. Please keep the original format and do not convert to .pdf, etc...

RETURN OF MATERIALS: All materials submitted to the awards program become the non-exclusive property of CMSA and may be published or excerpted in official publications, as well as used for promotional purposes. Entries will not be returned.

AWARDS NOTIFICATION: Award recipients will be notified by phone or email. Award recipients will be expected to attend the CMSA Annual Conference & Expo in June of the same year.
DATES & DEADLINES

CALL FOR ENTRIES: August 1 through March 15

The awards program is a national competition for recognition. Award recipients in both categories will be recognized in June at the CMSA Annual Conference.

ENTRY DEADLINE: March 15

Must be received by midnight March 15 by email.

All entries will be validated against qualifications criteria and submitted to the committee of judges for final determinations.

AWARD RECIPIENTS NOTIFIED: April 15

Announcement of notification of winning entries

SPEAKER BIO, ABSTRACT, AND OBJECTIVES DEADLINE FOR CONCURRENT SESSION: May 1

AWARD PRESENTATION: CMSA Annual Conference in June

Participation and presentation at CMSA Annual Conference

Details of Concurrent Session and Award Presentation will follow in writing upon notification of winning entries. These activities will take place at the CMSA Annual Conference in June of the same year.

OFFICIAL AWARD PRESENTATION

- **Award Recognition:** Two Awards (Case Management Practice Improvement Award & Case Management Research Award) will be presented to the selected recipient representative at the Case Management Society of America (CMSA) Annual Conference & Expo in June.
  - A copy of the CMSA Awards Presentation on DVD is available post conference.
- **Honorarium:** Both Recipients (Case Management Practice Improvement Award Recipient & Case Management Research Award Recipient) will each receive a $2,500 honorarium.
- **Webinar Presentation:** A dedicated CMSA Webinar for all CMSA member access. Date/Time TBD after Annual Conference.
- **Article:** Publication of an article in CMSA Today magazine regarding your project and outcomes.