



# AHA-AMGA Learning Fellowship Creating Clinically Integrated Health System-based Medical Groups



Call for Participation



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The **American Hospital Association (AHA)** and **American Medical Group Association (AMGA)** are pleased to announce a call for participation for AHA or AMGA members to join a learning fellowship on managing population health and succeeding in the new physician payment models that take effect in 2019. As a current AHA or AMGA member, your organization is eligible for this exclusive program. The AHA-AMGA Learning Fellowship is a national-level comprehensive program that addresses critical success factors such as leadership, culture, structure, execution, alignment, reimbursement, and physician compensation. The Fellowship will begin in July 2016 and conclude in October 2017.

### Learning Objectives

Participation in the AHA-AMGA Fellowship will provide your organization and employed physicians with the skills and information to move from a traditional hospital-owned/employed model to a more organized, integrated system of care delivery for the purpose of managing population health.

### Benefits include:

- Participate in the new alternative payment models or the merit-based incentive payment system required by 2019 due to the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA)
- Access to educational programs, including regular monthly webinars with expert speakers and four in-person meetings
- Receive assessment programs to understand gaps in performance and organizational alignment
- Build a business case for participation in a value-based payment contract or a plan for implementation of a program
- Learn best practices, optimize and standardize operational tips and tools, and utilize resources from other leading medical groups and health systems
- Learn successful approaches and tools from medical group and health system experts at various stages of integration
- Develop a culture that enables your organization to implement programs that promote quality and efficiency
- Learn about leveraging IT to achieve transparency, eligibility, and performance management goals that align with new physician payment models
- Engage in roundtable discussions, networking, and project updates
- Cultivate a lifelong peer-learning network





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### Who Is Eligible to Apply?

- Your organization must be a current member of AHA or AMGA
- Your organization must have an employed physician network/group

### How Does the Fellowship work?

Participating hospitals/health systems will be able to regularly network with peers and have the opportunity to learn and share best practices through:

- Four in-person meetings, held in conjunction with AHA and AMGA meetings
- Monthly webinars
- Online resources such as a dedicated website for participant material-sharing and a closed Listserv to facilitate group discussion
- Consultation with experts in the field
- Participation in the AMGA-Dartmouth High-Performing Health System Assessment Program

At the end of the 15-month collaborative, AHA and AMGA will work with participants to develop a compendium of case studies of their programs for publication.

### Criteria for Participation

Participating hospitals/health systems must sign an agreement outlining the fellowship expectations below:

- Identify two key participants to attend all four in-person meetings: one physician leader from employed medical group and one hospital/health system leader
- Identify CEO sponsor and approval
- Participate in webinars and meetings
- Submit periodic updates
- Complete AMGA-Dartmouth High-Performing Health System Assessment Program
- Create an implementation team at your organization
- Submit a write-up for the case study compendium
- Complete Fellowship project
- Have the ability to measure and track performance improvement

### Tuition

Tuition is due on June 3 once participants are notified of their acceptance into the program.

- \$19,000 per participating organization



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### Tuition covers:

- All program materials for four in-person meeting for two attendees (travel expenses not included)
- Complimentary registration for the two participants for adjoining AHA and AMGA meetings
- Program webinars
- Dedicated website and Listserv for participants
- AMGA-Dartmouth High-Performing Health System Assessment Program

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

*Applications are due by close of business (5:30 pm, PDT), April 8, 2016*

1. Complete the **AHA-AMGA Fellowship Application Template** provided on [www.amga.org/fellowship](http://www.amga.org/fellowship). (Font Specifications: 11 Point Arial Font)
  - Include the names of the two representatives and their roles, strengths, experience, and why they were selected.
  - Include an organizational profile that gives the reader an understanding of the size and scope of your organization without revealing your organization (250 word limit).
  - Provide answers for each of the 5 sections (500 word limit)
2. Applications will be evaluated in a blinded review process. Remove all provider and health system identifiers from the application except for the cover sheet with the contact information.
  - Refer to people by title (not name).
  - Refer to your organization using words like "health system" or "organization" (recommend using the Word search-and-replace function to make sure your organization name and acronym do not appear in the document).
  - If you need to reference your city or state, use words like "city," "area," "region," or "state" instead of the actual name.
3. Complete the provided cover sheet template and include:
  - Organization
  - Primary contact information (name, title, e-mail, phone, address) for both participants
  - Sponsor signature (CEO) and contact information (name, title, e-mail, phone, address)
4. Provide supporting information:
  - You are welcome to cite and label the supporting documents in an appendix. It is highly preferred that supporting documents are clearly labeled as "Appendix 1," "Appendix 2," etc. (Note: Remove all provider, clinic identifiers, and logos).
5. Submit one electronic copy of the application to [bsutter@amga.org](mailto:bsutter@amga.org) by close of business (5:30 pm, PDT), April 8, 2016.



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### Questions or Comments?

If you have questions or need further information, contact Beth Sutter at [bsutter@amga.org](mailto:bsutter@amga.org).

### PROJECT TIMELINE

- February, 2016**  
Call for Participation in AHA-AMGA Fellowship
- April 8, 2016**  
Applications Due
- May 5, 2016**  
AHA-AMGA Fellowship Applicants Notified
- June 7, 2016**  
Fellowship Orientation Webinar
- July 13-15, 2016**  
Fellowship Kick-Off Meeting – San Diego, CA  
In conjunction with Health Forum/AHA Leadership Summit, July 17-19
- November 14-15, 2016**  
Fellowship Meeting – San Francisco, CA  
In conjunction with AMGA IQL Annual Conference, November 15-17
- March 21-23, 2017**  
Fellowship Meeting – Grapevine, TX  
In conjunction with AMGA Annual Conference, March 23-25
- July 24-26, 2017**  
Fellowship Wrap-Up Meeting – San Diego, CA  
In conjunction with Health Forum/AHA Leadership Summit, July 27-29

(Dates Subject to Change)



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