



Niagara Health Quality Coalition

Improving Quality Through Cooperation

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

I. COMPANY/ORGANIZATION: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

A. GENERAL INFORMATION: Industry: _____

Total US workforce: _____ Western New York workers: _____ New York State workers: _____ Total retirees: _____

Health plans & Vendors: (List the names of those you currently have contracts)

- a. PPO(s): _____
- b. HMO(s): _____
- c. PBM: _____
- d. Disease management vendor: _____
- e. Consumer-directed plan: _____

B. CONTACT: Please identify the primary contact for NHQC:

(Associate Members: Please list the person responsible for your firm's employee benefits as one contact)

Contact's Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

II. DUES: Membership is for 12 months, billed July. (Identify & enclose the appropriate amount)

A. Business Members: Dues for private employers are based on the number of active WNY employees: Dues are \$4.00 per employee to a max of \$7,500. Minimum employer dues are \$2,000. (Dues: \$ _____)

B. Health Insurance Companies: Dues are \$4,000 (Dues: \$ _____)

C. Government and non-profit voluntary and research organization: Dues are 50% off standard rate. A non-profit organization, whose primary business is delivering health care services, will be treated as private employer member and is to pay the standard rate. (Dues: \$ _____)

D. Associate Members: Dues for organizations whose primary business is providing employers consulting or other benefit-related services/products are:
<100 employees: \$2000; 100+ employees: \$7000 (Dues: \$ _____)

E. Pharmaceutical members: Dues are \$3500 (Dues: \$ _____)

F. Client of _____, an Associate Member of NHQC. (Dues: \$ _____)
(30% discount for Associate Members sponsored by an NHQC business member.)

Please make check payable to: Niagara Health Quality Coalition and mail to the address below. If you have any questions contact Bruce Boissonnault, President & CEO (716) 250-6472 x12. Thank you for your participation and support.

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Gain the Value of Coalition Membership

NHQC offers an employer the ability to gain strategic insight, share health benefit management experiences with peers, acquire leading-edge and trend information, and obtain the leverage of a large group for purchasing health benefit services.

Membership Services & Benefits

NHQC provides powerful connections and vital health benefit solutions to employers through three primary services:

- NHQC Quality and Community Solutions;
- Employer Network; and
- Provider Network

Each service connects all members into the collective knowledge, experience and power of regional and national employer leaders. **For more information, contact Bruce Boissonnault at 716-250-6472.**

Quality and Community Solutions

NHQC's Quality and Community Solutions projects turn knowledge into action. NHQC develops and supports initiatives that improve transparency and improve community health care. Initiatives include:

- **New York State Hospital Report Card** ^(SM), a project examining the quality of care at every New York hospital for 28 procedures and conditions.
- **Leapfrog Hospital Survey:** Among other initiatives, Leapfrog works with its employer members to encourage transparency and easy access to health care information as well as rewards for hospitals that have a proven record of high quality care.
- **Targeted Disease Management:** e.g. NHQC Kidney Disease Task Force, NHQC Woman's Health Task Force, NHQC Asthma Project
- **New York State Preventable Hospitalizations Report** ^(SM), a report of preventable hospitalizations for every county in New York State.
- **New York State Appropriate Health Care Report** ^(SM), an employer-led initiative advocating improved adherence to specific treatment guidelines where consistent application of the guidelines is inadequate.
- **Western New York Patient Survey Report of Hospital Quality** ^(SM), provides the opportunity for participating hospitals to collaborate on quality improvement around patient experiences.

Joining NHQC – There are four membership categories:

- **Business Member:** A private or public employer which purchases health benefits for employees, or non-profit organization with interest in health care, that is represented by the person(s) responsible for managing the benefits for the organization's employees.
- **Health Insurance Company:** A health insurance provider or HMO
- **Pharmaceutical Member:** A pharmaceutical or medical device manufacturer.
- **Associate Member:** An organization which provides consulting, services or products to employers that offer health benefits

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