The American Hospital Association (AHA) and AMGA are pleased to announce a call for participation for AHA or AMGA members to join a learning collaborative on developing and advancing clinical enterprises in an uncertain and dynamic environment for hospitals, health systems, and medical groups. As a current AHA or AMGA member, your organization is eligible for this exclusive program. The AHA-AMGA Learning Collaborative is a national-level comprehensive program that addresses critical success factors such as leadership, culture, infrastructure, resilience and well-being, execution, alignment, reimbursement, and physician compensation. This program builds on the successful program conducted in 2016-2017. The collaborative will begin in February 2019 and end in June 2020.
Participation in the AHA-AMGA Collaborative will provide your organization and employed physicians with the skills and information to move from a traditional hospital-owned/employed model to an aligned, more effective integrated system of care delivery. Learn from organizations that have maximized their medical group enterprise in physician-led clinical integration, resulting in being prepared for risk and value-based care.

**BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION INCLUDE:**

- Understand how to make progress and lead in times of uncertainty
- Develop a successful culture that enables your organization to improve quality and efficiency
- Make progress on a concrete leadership challenge
- 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 tools
- Learn successful approaches from medical group and health system experts at various stages of integration
- Leverage IT to achieve transparency, eligibility, and performance management goals that align with new physician payment and delivery models.
- Understand how to use new data-driven approaches such as predictive analytics, machine learning, AI, and natural language processing
- Access educational programs, including regular monthly webinars with expert speakers, and four in-person meetings featuring roundtable discussions, networking, and project updates
- Complete a physician satisfaction assessment to gain valuable insights and actionable strategies
- Cultivate a robust lifelong peer-learning network
- Opportunity to earn CME and maintenance of certification credit for successful completion

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?**

- Your organization must be a current member of AHA or AMGA.
- Your organization must have a physician network.

**HOW DOES THE COLLABORATIVE 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
- Monthly webinars
- Online resources such as a dedicated website for participant material-sharing and a closed email community to facilitate group discussion
- Consultation with experts in the field

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

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

Tuition is due on December 7, 2018 once participants are notified of their acceptance into the program.

- $19,000 per participating organization

Tuition covers:

- All program materials for four in-person meetings for two attendees (travel expenses not included)
- Discounted registration for the two participants for adjoining AHA and AMGA meetings
- Program webinars
- Dedicated website and email community for participants

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5:30 PM, PT), SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

1. Complete the AHA-AMGA Collaborative Application Template provided on www.amga.org/aha-amga (Font Specifications: 11 Point Arial or Calibri 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, email, phone, address)
   - Sponsor signature (CEO) and contact information (name, title, email, 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 and clinic identifiers and logos).

5. Submit one electronic copy of the application to bsutter@amga.org by close of business (5:30 pm, PT), September 14, 2018.

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

If you have questions or need further information, contact Beth Sutter at bsutter@amga.org.