



Ohio Governor's Council on People with Disabilities

Accessible Medical Services Award

This award will be given annually to clinicians in private practice, emergency responders and/or a clinic/hospital who demonstrates a commitment to improving the quality of healthcare and emergency medical services for Ohioans with disabilities.

The purpose of this award is to honor a nominee judged most outstanding in meeting the criteria for the current year. The practitioner selected will be considered a symbol of all who have **significantly** contributed to improving the quality of medical services for people with disabilities. It is anticipated that their example will inspire others and that our public recognition will encourage healthcare professionals and emergency medical responders statewide to provide the same level of quality care to this population as that which is available to residents who are not disabled.

This award will be presented at the Governor's Council Annual Awards Ceremony held in October 2016.

The Criteria:

1. All nominees must be located and licensed to practice their profession in Ohio.
2. The practitioner will be nominated from one of three categories:
 - a. Private practices
 - b. Hospitals and clinics
 - c. Emergency medical responders
3. Nominees must explain how those being nominated have improved the quality of medical services available to Ohioans with disabilities.

Submission Package:

1. A nomination may be submitted by an interested individual or fellow practitioner.
2. The nomination form must be completed in full. Supporting materials may be included; however, they become the property of the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities and will not be returned.
4. The following suggestions are offered to assist applicants in developing their summaries. Submissions are **NOT** required to address **ALL** of the areas to be considered for this award.
 - Participate in recognized training programs focusing on the needs of people with disabilities.
 - Offer regular outreach program to help friends and relatives better address physical and emotional needs of the person who is disabled.
 - Demystify exam/treatment procedures.
 - Involve patients with disabilities in decisions about their care.

- Have accessible equipment and facilities, such as:
 - Adjustable exam tables
 - Diagnostic equipment
 - Restrooms
 - Seating in lobby/waiting room
 - Entrance to building and exam/treatment areas
 - Unobstructed pathways throughout building
 - Accessible parking and drop-off areas
- Implement procedures for service animals to be transported with their handler and accommodated in medical facilities in accordance with applicable laws.
- Use effective techniques, such as assistive technologies, nationally certified ASL interpreters, Braille, pictures, etc to communicate directly with deaf and hard of hearing patients concerning exam/treatment procedures, homecare instructions, scheduling of future appointments and billing information.
- Provide accessible prescription labels.

Send your submission package to:

Governor's Council on People with Disabilities

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All applications must be received by July 15, 2017.



APPLICATION FORM

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The nominee can be from one of the following categories:

- private practice
- clinic or hospital
- emergency medical responder

Nominated Entity: _____

Telephone number: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Current license term of practitioner(s):

Area served (city, county, state, etc.)

What changes has entity being nominated made to services to better meet the needs of patients with disabilities?

How long have these changes been in place?

What quantifiable differences have been noticed as a result of these changes?

Nominating Sponsor: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone : _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

This form may be duplicated.