

# STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE CANCER QUALITY ALLIANCE

The Cancer Quality Alliance (“Alliance”) is a collaborative effort to improve the quality of care provided to cancer patients. The Alliance aims to foster collaboration among stakeholders who are committed to cancer care quality improvement and eliminate unnecessary duplication in cancer care quality efforts. By encouraging the implementation of practical programs to improve quality of care, the Alliance seeks to become a national voice for quality of cancer care.

The Alliance activities will include: 1) fostering the rapid development and implementation of a core set of measures appropriate for quality improvement and accountability, 2) enhancing mechanisms for data collection, 3) promoting the development and adoption of oncology electronic medical records (EMRs), and 4) endorsing a blueprint that defines optimal cancer care.

The Cancer Quality Alliance will undertake its quality improvement efforts in a cooperative fashion, meeting several times a year and advancing its work between meetings by teleconference and email communication.

## **Categories of Alliance Membership**

1. Alliance Members – Alliance Members are those with a broad interest in cancer care quality improvement, experience in developing and implementing cancer quality measures, and the ability to contribute to Alliance activities. Alliance Members are expected to have a national membership or have a national focus. They will be asked to make a commitment to attendance at meetings, leadership of workgroups, and active involvement in the Alliance’s activities. Alliance Members are expected to have the ability to vote on behalf of their organizations on matters relating to CQA membership as well as other CQA activities or initiatives that do not have significant financial or other impact on the member organization. Alliance Members will pay modest annual dues, name a representative and an alternate representative to attend Alliance meetings, participate in Alliance consensus-building efforts, and vote on Alliance motions.
2. Affiliate Members – Affiliate Members are entities that have an interest in cancer care quality or experience in developing or implementing cancer quality measures, but lack a national membership or national focus. Although these organizations are not national entities, they will be eligible for membership only if their involvement in quality improvement affects other practices or have regional or national implications. These entities should be able to demonstrate their commitment to communicate and/or collaborate with others engaged in cancer quality improvement to expand the impact of their own quality initiatives. Affiliate Members will pay modest annual dues, name a representative and alternate to attend Alliance meetings, and participate in Alliance consensus-building efforts. Affiliate Organizations will not vote on Alliance motions.
3. Liaison Members – Liaison Members are federal agencies or other organizations that are prevented from paying dues to or voting in cooperative organizations. Liaison Members will be asked to name a representative and alternate to attend Alliance meetings and participate in Alliance consensus-building efforts. Liaison Members will not vote on Alliance motions and will not pay annual dues. These organizations are encouraged to make in-kind contributions.

## **Application Process**

Applicants for Alliance membership are asked to determine the appropriate membership category among the three categories described above and complete and return the attached membership form. The staff of the Alliance Co-chairs may contact the applicant for additional information. The Alliance Members will review the application at the next Alliance meeting after receipt of the application and will contact the applicant with a final decision on membership immediately after the meeting.

**CANCER QUALITY ALLIANCE  
APPLICATION FORM**

Applicant Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Membership category (please choose one):

Alliance Member

Affiliate Member

Liaison Member

Please describe the organization's involvement in cancer care quality improvement efforts. This description should detail your engagement in one or more of the following: 1) measure development; 2) design of quality improvement initiatives; 3) implementation of quality efforts; and 4) strategies for collaboration and communication with others engaged in quality improvement. If your organization is applying for Affiliate status and is not a national organization, please explain how your quality improvement efforts affect other practices or have regional or national implications. Please feel free to attach a mission statement, background documents, or other information that provides additional detail about the organization's participation in cancer care quality efforts.

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Is the organization willing and able to attend quarterly meetings of the Alliance in Washington, D.C? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the organization able to name a representative who will attend Alliance meetings, respond to Alliance inquiries, and participate in conference calls and email deliberations? \_\_\_\_\_

If the organization is applying as an Alliance Member or Affiliate Organization, is it able and willing to pay modest annual dues? \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the application and return to:

Kristen McNiff, MPH

American Society of Clinical Oncology

1900 Duke Street, Suite 200

Alexandria, VA 22314

You may also fax your application (703.684.8364) or email it to [cancerquality@asco.org](mailto:cancerquality@asco.org).