

MEMBERSHIP IN NRHI

Current Membership Categories

Membership in the Network for Regional Healthcare Improvement (NRHI) is open to organizations which are Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives and organizations that meet criteria established by the NRHI Board of Directors.

A Regional Health Improvement Collaborative is defined as:

A non-profit organization;

which is working to improve healthcare quality and value through an active program of quality measurement and public reporting or an active program of quality improvement, or both;

in a specific geographic region of the country (typically either a metropolitan region or state);

through a collaborative effort of healthcare providers and other stakeholders. There are four primary types of healthcare stakeholders:

- *healthcare providers, i.e., hospitals, physician groups, physicians, home health agencies, nursing homes, clinics, etc.;*
- *healthcare payers, i.e., health insurance plans, public programs such as Medicaid, and employer groups that directly contract with providers;*
- *healthcare purchasers, i.e., employers who purchase health insurance for their employees; and*
- *healthcare consumers or consumer organizations.*

In order to be eligible to become a Full Member or an Associate Member of NRHI, a Collaborative must meet all of the above criteria and have representation from all four types of stakeholders on its governing board.

The Board of Directors of NRHI will review membership applications from organizations to determine whether they meet the criteria for NRHI Membership. Organizations that have been designated as Chartered Value Exchanges by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or as the lead organizations in Aligning Forces for Quality communities by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will automatically be considered to qualify for Full or Associate Membership.

To be considered a Full Member of NRHI, an organization must qualify for Full Membership, must contribute annual dues at the level established by the Board of Directors for Full Members, and must agree to participate in membership activities of NRHI. *Full membership dues are tiered based on annual revenue of members.*

To be considered an Associate Member of NRHI, an organization must qualify for Associate Membership, must contribute annual dues at the level established by the Board of Directors for Associate Members, and must agree to participate in activities of NRHI. Associate member

status is only available for up to one year, at which point a member must decide to become a full member or discontinue membership. *The cost of Associate Membership is \$2500 per year.*

An organization that does not meet all of the criteria for Full or Associate Membership, but which is (1) a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve healthcare quality and value, (2) has a formal plan with support from the community to implement either a healthcare quality measurement and public reporting program or a healthcare quality improvement program or both, and (3) is governed by a board that includes providers and at least one other group of stakeholders, may, with approval from the NRHI Board, join NRHI as an “Affiliate Member”.

To be considered an Affiliate Member of NRHI, the NRHI Board must review and approve the organization’s eligibility on an annual basis, the organization must contribute annual dues at the levels established for Affiliate Members, and the organization must agree to participate in activities of NRHI. *The cost of Affiliate Membership is \$2500 per year.*

New Membership Categories

As NRHI has grown and matured as a network, NRHI leadership has determined it is now desirable to seek to include others in our work. Though we will remain primarily a membership organization for Regional Health Improvement Collaboratives, the Governance Committee has recommended expanding categories of membership to include others working on healthcare improvement. To accomplish this the Governance Committee recommends the creation of several new membership categories.

They have developed the following proposed changes for Board consideration:

An organization that does not meet all of the criteria for Full, Associate or Affiliate Membership but which is interested in supporting the mission and work of NRHI, may join, with approval from the NRHI Board, as a:

- Philanthropic Member;
- Governmental Partner Member;
- Commercial Member;
- Data Partner Member; or a
- Professional Group Member

Philanthropic Members are charitable foundations who are interested in supporting NRHI’s work and mission. These are (1) non-profit organizations whose mission includes the improvement of health and healthcare for the US and (2) have worked with and supported NRHI and/or its members. *The cost to participate as a Philanthropic Partner is \$1000 per year.*

Governmental Partner Member are state or federal agencies who are interested in supporting NRHI’s work and mission. *There is no cost to participate as a Government Partner.*

Commercial Members are defined as businesses who are interested in supporting NRHI’s work and mission. These are for-profit organizations who have a vested interest in improving US

health and healthcare. *The cost of Commercial Membership is based on annual revenue and ranges from \$15,000-\$40,000 per year.*

Data Partner Members are defined as regional entities with access to claims and/or clinical and/or patient reported data being used across multiple organizations/entities to improve patient care. These may include Health Information Exchanges, All Payer Claims Databases or others. These members would be expected to demonstrate a commitment to multi-stakeholder involvement, community benefit, interoperability, quality improvement and transparency. Applicants would need to be non-profit or state organizations. To be eligible for NRHI membership, data partner members are expected to join or partner with their local Regional Health Improvement Collaborative unless one does not exist in their region. *The cost of Data Partner membership is tiered based on annual revenue and matches full membership costs.*

Professional Group Members are organizations such as the American Medical Association or American Board of Internal Medicine who are aligned and engaged with NRHI's work and mission. These are non-profit organizations who have a vested interest in improving US health and healthcare, and are governed by a board that includes a member from the healthcare industry or profession. *The cost of Professional Group Membership is \$10,000 per year.*

To be considered a Philanthropic Member, Commercial Member, Data Partner or a Professional Group Member of NRHI, the NRHI Board must review and approve each organization's eligibility on an annual basis, the organization must contribute annual dues at the levels established for each Member, and the organization must agree to participate in and support activities of NRHI. Member benefits for each member category will be determined by the NRHI Governance Committee and approved by the NRHI Board. Only full NRHI members will be eligible to serve on the NRHI Board and governing committees unless changes are approved by the NRHI Board of Directors.