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| **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - 5 points max**  ***The executive summary must provide project description, goal, improvement strategy, results and lessons learned.*** |

(**The executive summary must not exceed two pages.** These pages do not count in the application narrative total number of pages.)

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| ***NOTE:*** *Content from the Executive Summary will appear in the Compendium if your application is deemed eligible by receiving at least 75 points. Please write concise, print-ready copy in this section.*  **Project Description:** Type here.  **Project Goal:** Type here.  **Improvement Strategy:** Type here.  **Results:** Type here.  **Lessons Learned:** Type here. |

APPLICATION  
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| **APPLICATION INFORMATION** | | |
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| Application Category: | Choose an item. |
| Award Category: | Choose an item. |
| Project Scope: | Choose an item. |

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| **Triple Aim Alignment – 10 points max (if judges award bonus points)**  ***Please check all that apply and describe the alignment in the open text field provided.*** |

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|  | Improved Population Health - improvements address an entire population with at least one shared characteristic that contributes to health behaviors or health outcomes. |
|  | Improved Experience of Care - improvements address improved patient outcomes and experience of care. |
|  | Lower Cost per Capita or Increased Value - reduced costs, penalties or increased value of care. |
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| **NAM Six Aims Alignment - 10 points max**  ***Please check all that apply and describe the alignment in the open text field provided.*** |

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|  | Safe - Care should be as safe for patients in health care facilities as in their homes. |
|  | Timely - Patients should experience no wait or delay in receiving care and services. |
|  | Effective - The science and evidence behind health care should be applied and serve as the standard in the delivery of care. |
|  | Efficient - Care and service should be cost effective, and waste should be removed from the system. |
|  | Equitable - Unequal treatment should be a fact of the past; disparities in care should be eradicated. |
|  | Patient-Centered - The system of care should revolve around the patient, respect patient preferences and put the patient in control. |
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| **Problem Statement (supported by data) - 5 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * the relevant health care problem identified * why this health care problem was selected for improvement over other identified problems * the data to support this finding as a priority area of improvement * how this problem links to the hospital strategy |
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| **Project Goal - 5 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * the specific goal(s) developed for this project * the specific measurements developed to track improvement in the process and outcomes * the specific data sources and time period used to measure change |
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| **Strategy to Improve - 15 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * a detailed description of the strategy and plan for this improvement project * the specific improvement interventions implemented specifically for this project * scholarly knowledge used to support the strategy and plan * the timeline of implementation and ongoing evaluation * the pace of change * the location(s) for this improvement project (one unit, all units, community-based, etc.) and why this location was selected |
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| **Methodology Used for Improvement and Evaluation of Progress - 10 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * the specific methodology and/or framework used to develop and implement the improvement project * the specific tools used to implement the improvement project * the communication strategies used to disseminate knowledge and encourage change * the change management strategies used to motivate and support change * strategies to hard-wire new processes |
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| **Engagement of Leaders and External Stakeholders - 10 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * specific actions that demonstrate leadership engagement * specific actions that demonstrate external stakeholder engagement, if appropriate * communication strategies that demonstrate ongoing executive support |
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| **Results - 20 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided. Please note: one, five-page supplemental document in Word, Excel or PDF format may be submitted with the application to support this section; tables and graphics are encouraged.*** |

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| * describe the specific results achieved * include the time period for which results are noted * align the results with the specific project goal(s) * align the results with the specific Triple Aim principles and NAM Aims aligned with the improvement project * support your results with data, including pilot and sampling data * show drilled-down data to reflect specific unit of analysis changes based on setting, condition or other variables - unbundle the data * compare your results with national, state or other recognized benchmarks, targets or evidence-based practices |
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| **Sustainability of Resources and Results - 10 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * the strategy to sustain and improve on, or further expand, the results of this project * resource allocation to support sustainability |
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| **Lessons Learned - 5 points max**  ***Please describe the following in the open text field provided.*** |

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| * the most significant positive lesson learned as a result of this improvement project - how will you build on this success * the most significant challenge identified as a result of this improvement project - how did you address or mitigate this challenge |
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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APPENDIX  
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