



Preceptor Award

Rationale: The purpose of this award is to acknowledge an individual that has been chosen by their agency/company to be a preceptor. This therapist demonstrates the unique qualities, high standards and clinical skills that are exemplary. They are organized and able to teach processes and procedures to newly hired staff, molding them into confident and talented home care clinicians.

Criteria:

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must:

1. Be a current member of the APTA
2. Be nominated by a Home Health section member
3. Be a preceptor with a minimum of one year experience in the home health setting
4. Be an engaged member of their agency, participating in education initiatives and seeking knowledge that will further their professional development
5. Have documented excellence in clinical practice
6. Have good time management and organizational skills
7. Be flexible and able to quickly adjust to changing schedules or critical patient needs
8. Understand regulatory requirements and teach best practices in clinical outcomes, OASIS data collection, patient satisfaction and skilled documentation needed for each visit

Nomination Process:

Any current member of the Home Health Section may nominate a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who meets the award criteria. Nomination packets should include:

1. One or more letters of nomination addressed to the Home Health Section office describing how and why the nominee meets the criteria.
2. At least one letter of endorsement (support statement) should be included with the nominating letter and address some, if not all, of the following:
 - a. How long has this nominee been a preceptor to newly hired staff? Provide examples of their processes and procedures for teaching.
 - b. Describe the nominee's involvement in educational initiatives and their own professional development.
 - c. How has this nominee demonstrated excellence in clinical practice?
 - d. Give examples of how this nominee has shown flexibility and adaptability to changing schedules or critical patient needs.
 - e. Provide information and examples of how this nominee understands regulatory requirements and teaches best practices.
 - f. Anything else you want to add to describe why this nominee should be recognized for their exemplary precepting and clinical skills?

The Home Health Section office must receive complete nomination packets by **November 1**

Selection Process:

The Nominating Committee will review Nominations and the chair will present the Committee's recommendation to the Home Health Section Board of Directors for approval.

Presentation:

The award will be presented following the Business Meeting during APTA Combined Sections Meeting, usually held in February of each year.

The Award will consist of a \$50 gift certificate for the APTA Learning Center.

Approved by the Home Health Section Executive Committee, November 18, 2016.