**Talking Points**

* iMPROve Health, the MHA Keystone Center, and Gov. Whitmer partnered for the award
* The 2024 award program was conducted May 2022 through May 2024
* The award recognizes providers focusing on some of Michigan’s most pressing health issues, such as Kidney Disease, Diabetes, Sepsis, among others
* Enrolled organizations could earn the Governor’s Award of Excellence in up to three different measure categories and could receive Medals of Achievement by demonstrating the utilization of Person and Family and/or Health Equity strategies to drive improvement
* The following organization types in Michigan were invited to participate:
  + Community Coalitions
  + Critical Access Hospitals
  + Home Health Agencies
  + Hospitals
  + Nursing Homes
  + Physician Offices
* The award ceremony was held on September 12, 2024, at the Eagle Eye Golf & Banquet Center in Bath Township, Michigan
* Natasha Bagdasarian MD, MPH, FIDSA, FACP, Chief Medical Executive for the State of Michigan attended the ceremony
* Renée Branch Canady, PhD, MPA, CEO of MPHI, was the keynote speaker
* The Governor’s Award of Excellence was originally developed in 2003