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Are you nominating an individual or a group?

- Individual
 Group

Who is your nominee?

Nominee Name

Affiliated Organization

Nominator Information

Name

Organization

Nominee's affiliated organization type

- Hospital
 Rural Health Clinic
 Federally Qualified Health Center
 Outpatient Clinic
 State Government
 University
 Other, please specify

What rural community does your nominee serve?

Please describe your connection/affiliation to the nominee.

Previous employee

In 1,000 words or less, please describe why do you believe your nominee is the best individual for the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award? Please provide timeline of specific activities.

Sunil worked for me at Southeast Health for approximately four years. During that time, I witnessed his commitment to providing excellent care and his commitment to lowering the cost of healthcare in our community. Our First Option Health Plan is a direct contracting program with self-insured employers. When Sunil arrived, it had about a dozen groups in the plan. When Sunil accepted the position as CEO at Pemiscot Memorial Hospital, the program had 80 groups and over 35,000 covered lives. This effort has lowered the cost of care collectively by millions to our local employers. Sunil has taken this approach into Pemiscot to make care more affordable in that region. Additionally, Sunil is working with several hospital providers to jointly add services to his hospital to help keep their care local.

I can confirm that the nominee is making a difference in rural communities through collaboration, education, innovation and communication, and is working or volunteering in a designated rural area.

- Yes
 No

I can confirm that the nominee is a Missouri resident.

- Yes
 No

How did you hear about the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award?

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- Individual
- Group

Who is your nominee?

Nominee Name

Sunil Mungee

Affiliated Organization

Pemiscot Memorial Health Systems

Nominator Information

Name

Ziad Rubaie

Organization

Consociate Health

Nominee's affiliated organization type

- Hospital
- Rural Health Clinic
- Federally Qualified Health Center
- Outpatient Clinic
- State Government
- University
- Other, please specify

What rural community does your nominee serve?

Hayti, MO

Please describe your connection/affiliation to the nominee.

Developing affordable health plan for employee retention in the community

In 1,000 words or less, please describe why do you believe your nominee is the best individual for the 2021 Missouri Rural Health Champion Award? Please provide timeline of specific activities.

Mr. Sunil Mungee has developed community based healthcare that provides MUCH needed services in Hayti, MO He has the passion and drive to increase healthcare benefits, increase access to HIGH quality providers. engage with ALL stakeholders (docs/nurses/community leaders/ business leaders) to drive a win win healthcare solution at lower price.

Instead of being the problem he becomes the solution

- Expanded Narrow network health benefit plan in Rural Missouri
- 80 employers and 40,000 covered lives got benefited with low healthcare high quality benefit plan
- Millions of dollars cost saving for the local employers
- Saved close to \$750 K on Pemiscot Memorial Health Systems
- Introduced new Specialty services including Psychiatry, Endocrinology, Pulmonary, Cardiology, Oncology, Orthopedics and Spine Surgery.

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