NHCAA invites nominations for the 2020 SIRIS Investigation of the Year Award. This annual award honors outstanding and effective health care fraud investigation and its impact on fraud deterrence and prevention as a result of a SIRIS entry. In an effort to acknowledge the value of SIRIS to the successful investigation of health care fraud, NHCAA encourages our Member Organizations and our Law Enforcement Partners to submit their SIRIS, initiated or substantially enhanced, case nominations.

The award will be announced in November 2020.

**Submission Criteria**

- Eligible nominees must be employed by an NHCAA Member Organization, Affiliate Member, or Law Enforcement Liaison agency.

- The case must be a result of or greatly enhanced by:
  - researching cases or scenarios in the SIRIS database,
  - receiving additional intelligence from other SIRIS users after having entered a record, or
  - submitting a Request for Investigation Assistance by law enforcement.

- An organization may submit multiple nominations.

- To be eligible for nomination, investigations must either 1) be in the final adjudication stages or 2) have been adjudicated between August 1, 2019 and July 31, 2020. Investigative activity may have commenced prior to August 1, 2019, but the case must be ongoing during the aforementioned timeframe.

**Selection Criteria**

Selection of the winning nomination will be based on these criteria, but a submission need not meet every criterion to be considered.

- SIRIS origination or enhancement
- Scheme complexity
- Financial impact
- Impact or potential impact to patients' health or health records
- Innovative approach to the investigation
- Collaboration with other SIRIS users
The Nomination Form

It is preferred that completed nomination forms are submitted via email.

If you are unable to email your completed nomination form, you may send it via mail to the following address. Please be advised that nomination received through the mail may not be received on time for consideration.

National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association
Attn: NHCAA Awards
1220 L Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

When completing the nomination form, please use the following guidelines:

- Nominations must be received at NHCAA no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2020** to be eligible for consideration.

- Please be sure to list all potential awardees. Be sure to include only private insurers and law enforcement partners that contributed significantly to the success of the case. Late additions to the list of awardees will not be accepted.

- Provide full contact information for each member of the investigative team.

- Provide specific and complete information for each question. Attach additional pages to complete your nomination(s), if necessary.

If you have questions about the nomination or selection process, please contact Cynthia Lucas, Vice President of Anti-Fraud Initiatives by email at clucas@nhcaa.org or by telephone at 202.349.7998.