

In 1994, the Legislature honored Warren Featherstone Reid and his policy interests by creating the Warren Featherstone Reid Award “to recognize cost-effective and quality health care services.” The award is to be given annually to “health care providers and facilities in Washington State who exhibit exceptional quality and value in the delivery of health services.” When it created the award, the Legislature recognized the importance of ensuring that all Washington residents have access to affordable, quality health care.

The recipient of the award is chosen annually by the Governor in conjunction with the secretary of health. The Board serves as a standing advisory committee that reviews nominations and makes recommendations.

Warren Featherstone Reid, a Wenatchee native, was a longtime aide to Warren G. Magnuson, who represented Washington in the U.S. Senate for 36 years. Reid had a special interest in health policy. He later advised Gov. Booth Gardner and chaired the Washington State Board of Health.

We’ve issued a call for nominations of providers and facilities that deserve to be honored as “centers of quality” for efforts to improve management practices, ensure quality, increase value, expand access, and maximize customer satisfaction.

Nominations must be received by May 1, 2012.