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Quality Institute Launches New Effort Aimed at Keeping Eligible New Jerseyans Enrolled in NJ FamilyCare

An estimated 300,000 to 500,000 New Jersey residents are at risk of losing health coverage under H.R.1, and much of that loss is preventable. This month, the Quality Institute is launching a series of education sessions, webinars, and resources to help health care organizations keep eligible people enrolled in NJ FamilyCare. Read on for what's coming, and what we need from you to make it work.

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Iris Jones, MA, LPC, LCADC, NCC, CCS, PMH-C
Assistant Commissioner, Division of Family Health
Services, New Jersey Department of Health



Take Five with Iris Jones

In this issue, we sit down with Iris Jones, Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Family Health Services at the New Jersey Department of Health, to talk about her vision for more streamlined, whole-person maternal and child health care and the new Perinatal Center of Excellence her division is working to build. Read the full

interview below.

[Read Full Interview](#)

Upcoming Events

Integrated License Regulations: What New Jersey Health Care Stakeholders Need to Know



Join us virtually on **Thursday, September 10, from 12–1 p.m.** for a practical overview of the new regulatory framework and what clinicians, health care organizations, and other stakeholders need to know as they prepare for implementation. Presented as part of New Jersey’s Rural Health Transformation Program, this session will cover how the regulations streamline licensure and support integrated care delivery, as well as opportunities for telehealth, mobile and alternative care sites, and shared clinical leadership.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be available.

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Featured Speakers



Kate Shamszad
Vice President of Policy
New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute



Susan Loughery
Deputy Commissioner, Care and
Treatment Branch
New Jersey Department of Health

Mayors Wellness Campaign 2026 Healthy Towns Application Webinar

The 2026 New Jersey Healthy Town Application is opening on November 16. The application will be due January 15th, 2027, by 5 p.m. The Healthy Town designation recognizes communities in which mayors have made healthy lifestyles a top priority and are actively engaging all members of their community through inclusive, evidence-based health and wellness programming, policies, and a culture of health.

Join us on **Tuesday, September 15, from 12-1 p.m.** for a deep dive into strategies to improve Healthy Town applications, examples of successful submissions, and a chance to ask questions about the application process.

Who Should Attend:

- Towns applying for their first Healthy Town designation
- Towns interested in renewing their annual designation
- Mayors
- Mayors Wellness Campaign committee members

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Member Breakfast & Engagement Event

 **October 28 | 8 - 9:30 am.**

 **150 Park Avenue,
Florham Park, NJ**

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Please join the Quality Institute on **Wednesday, October 28, from 8 to 9:30 a.m.** for a Member Breakfast and Engagement Event at Summit Health, 150 Park Avenue, 4th Floor, Florham Park, NJ.

Start your morning with a quick breakfast while networking with local leaders and health care decision-makers. Hear brief updates from Quality Institute staff about how to get involved in our policy, quality improvement, and community health work.

This event is for members and invited guests only.

[Register Here](#)



For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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