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## HERE'S TO A HEALTHY 2026



As the year comes to a close, we thank our partners, members, and colleagues for their continued collaboration and dedication to advancing health care safety, quality, and affordability. We wish you a joyful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year, and we look forward to the work ahead in 2026.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**[Conversation of Your Life \(COYL\) Partner Learning Session: Supporting People with Serious Illness Through Community-Based Care](#)** - January 22, 2026 - 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.: New Jersey is preparing to launch a **[Medicaid Community-Based Palliative Care benefit](#)**, expanding access to palliative care for people living with serious illness. Join us for a COYL Partner Learning Session led by the **[Goals of Care Coalition of New Jersey](#)** to learn practical ways to help community members access care that supports quality of life, independence, and greater guidance through serious illness. **[Register Now.](#)**

**Member Breakfast and Engagement Event - February 3, 2026 - 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at [The Cooperative](#):** 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.](#)

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**Virtual Learning Session and Celebration of New Jersey Quality Teams - February 5, 2026 - 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.:** Hear from subject matter experts on the patient safety risks of dismissing patient, family, and caregiver concerns, gain insights into actions hospitals can take to improve their responses to patient and family concerns, and learn about 2026 changes to the Leapfrog Hospital and ASC Survey from [Melissa Danforth, Senior Vice President of Health Care Ratings, The Leapfrog Group.](#) [Register Now.](#)

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**Virtual Adult Mental Health First Aid Training (2-Day Training) - February 18, 2026, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and February 19, 2026, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.:** A free, virtual 6.5-hour training that helps participants identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders, made possible thanks to funding from the [Horizon Foundation for New Jersey.](#) Participants are required to complete 2 hours of pre-work prior to the start of class and must attend both sessions to complete certification. [Register Here.](#)



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