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A graphic for the 'Schwimmer Script' section. On the left is a circular portrait of a woman with short brown hair, wearing a white top and a green necklace. To the right of the portrait, the words 'Schwimmer Script' are written in a large, bold, dark blue font. A stylized black pen is shown writing the word 'Script'. Below the title, the text reads 'Kate Shamszad, MS, MPH, CCLS' and 'Vice President of Policy' in a smaller, blue font. At the bottom right, there is a small logo for 'NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE'.

## A Decade Later: Why Medicaid 2.0 Matters Now More Than Ever

Nearly ten years ago, the Quality Institute convened stakeholders across New Jersey to answer a fundamental question: how should we redesign Medicaid for the future? The result was **Medicaid 2.0: Blueprint for the Future**, a roadmap with 24 recommendations to modernize how care is delivered, paid for, and accessed across the state.

Medicaid covers nearly 2 million New Jersey residents. It is a central pillar of our health care system and a primary driver of access, equity, and system stability. As the *Blueprint* approaches its ten-year milestone, the focus now is on how we can build from this foundational document to best sustain a healthy Medicaid program for the people it serves.

### Progress Made and Work Still Ahead

Over the past decade, New Jersey has made meaningful progress on several of the *Blueprint's* recommendations. At the same time, implementation has been uneven. Roughly half of the recommendations have been advanced, while others, particularly structural reforms around eligibility and enrollment systems, data transparency, network directories, universal provider credentialing, and the managed care contract and oversight, remain incomplete. That unfinished work matters, especially now.

New Jersey is at an inflection point. Federal changes under [H.R.1](#) threaten coverage stability, financing, and access to care. At the same time, shifts in the individual marketplace and broader economic pressures may increase the number of uninsured residents. Collective action on these structural issues cannot be delayed...

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## TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Leah Binder,  
*President & CEO, The Leapfrog Group*



### Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Leah Binder is the President and CEO of [The Leapfrog Group](#).

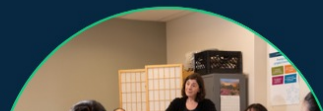
**Interview Sneak Peek:** *The Leapfrog Group is well known to many of our readers, but can you explain the difference between the Leapfrog [Hospital Center \(ASC\) Surveys](#) and the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade?*

We have two voluntary surveys: one for hospitals and one for ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs). Hospitals and ASCs that want to share information with the public about their safety and quality can do so through these surveys. After they submit the surveys, we score them on whether they meet Leapfrog's high standards for quality and patient safety — and we publicly report the results. Safety and quality are critically important to purchasers and employers, which is why hospitals representing about 80% of inpatient beds nationwide voluntarily participate in the Leapfrog Hospital Survey.

We also produce the [Hospital Safety Grade](#), which applies only to general hospitals with inpatient beds. The Safety Grade evaluates how well hospitals protect patients from preventable harm, such as medication errors, injuries, and infections. It includes 32 measures. Most of the results used to calculate the score come from CMS...

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## MATERNITY ACTION PLAN



## SHIFTING POWER: CENTERING COMMUNITY VOICES IN MATERNAL HEALTH REFORM



TUESDAY, 4/21 FROM 12-2 PM



VIRTUAL EVENT, ZOOM



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Join us on **Tuesday, April 21, from 12 to 2 p.m.** for a MAP virtual work session, **“Shifting Power: Centering Community Voices in Maternal Health Reform.”**

Quality Institute Program Officer, [Christine Ivery, MPH, CHES, DrPH\(c\)](#), and Vice President of Quality, [Adelisa Perez-Hudgins, MSN, RN-BC](#), will discuss how community partnerships with hospitals and health systems can enhance lived experience, strengthen accountability, and improve maternal health outcomes in New Jersey. The presentation will feature a panel discussion with members of Perinatal Community Advisory Boards (PCABs).

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## Essential Jobs Essential Care New Jersey Coalition Why CNA Survey Data Matters

The New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing (NJCCN), which collects workforce data on nurses and Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) in NJ, conducted NJ’s first ever statewide CNA survey to gain insight into areas such as wages, access to benefits, and workforce stability. The survey findings paint a clearer picture of the experiences of these direct care workers. Check our newly released resource sharing the survey results.

This resource was created by NJCCN in partnership with the Essential Jobs Essential Care (EJEC) data committee, run by the Quality Institute and PHI.

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## WHAT WE’RE READING

[“Congress must fix the No Surprises Act before it bankrupts patients and employers”](#) | By James Gelfand and Patricia Kelmar | STAT News

[Participate in Round 6: Join the next round of the nation's leading hospital price transparency research](#) | RAND Health



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