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Celebrating 20 Years of the Mayors Wellness Campaign and the Value of Local Leadership

On Tuesday we brought together mayors, health care leaders, funders, government officials, and community advocates to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Mayors Wellness Campaign (MWC) — a milestone that recognized two decades of local leadership advancing health and wellness in communities throughout New Jersey.

The underlying theme of our gathering was the extraordinary importance of local leadership in building healthier communities and improving quality of life for residents of all ages. At a time when federal health funding faces cuts, and public health and science endure unprecedented attacks, local leadership has never mattered more.

Over the past 20 years, the Mayors Wellness Campaign has demonstrated that communities can make a meaningful difference when local leaders come together around health. Founded in 2006 by the Quality Institute in partnership with the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, the initiative began with a focus on increasing physical activity, improving nutrition, and preventing chronic disease. Since then, it has expanded to more than 400 municipalities across New Jersey and evolved into a broad community health initiative addressing issues ranging from mental health and food security to healthy aging, social connection, advance care planning, and health equity...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Dovid Friedman, MD
Chief Executive Officer, CHEMED Health Center



Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

[CHEMED Health Center](#) is a member of the [Quality Institute's Provider Council](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *How can CHEMED and other health care providers address the upcoming eligibility and enrollment requirements under H.R. 1?*

The challenge of H.R. 1 is on many sides. People will be challenged with the more frequent recertifications. At CHEMED, we started as a social service entity, and we know how to help people navigate the system. That's always been a mission of ours. We get a list of Medicaid patients up for renewal, we make it our responsibility to contact them.

And we are working with the community to identify community service opportunities for those who are unable to find work or cannot work. It will help the community and enable people to meet the new work requirements for Medicaid. We have always had navigators available — we have a team of 20 in that division — to help people navigate the system. It's part of our DNA...

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The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute welcomes [Frank A. Ghinassi, PhD, ABPP](#), [Elizabeth Maher Muoio, JD](#), and [Heather Howard, JD](#), to its Board of Directors — bringing together nationally recognized leaders in behavioral health, public finance, and policy at a pivotal time for health care in the state.



Frank A. Ghinassi, PhD, ABPP



Elizabeth Maher Muoio, JD



Heather Howard, JD

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H.R.1 will make it harder for many New Jersey adults enrolled in Medicaid to maintain health coverage. The first survey below asks about what outreach materials your organization needs to best support your patients or community members you serve to help them with Medicaid enrollment and eligibility. The second survey asks about your organization's interest in supporting, starting, or working with sites that deliver free care to uninsured or underinsured residents.

We'd like your feedback on both surveys.

- Survey #1, Outreach Materials: <https://forms.gle/Rq6eFiHKbKkmabhT6>
- Survey #2, Supporting Free Care: <https://forms.gle/eVkh15XiE4Yr3LGJA>



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