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The people and ideas shaping NJ health care



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Quality Institute Releases New Tools to Help Hospitals Raise the Bar on Maternal Health

Now in its third year, the Quality Institute's Raising the Bar for Maternal Health in New Jersey initiative is helping hospitals improve outcomes and provide respectful, patient-centered care. In this post, Adelisa Perez-Hudgins, MSN, RN, CV-BC, Vice President of Quality, introduces two new resources available to any hospital or health system: a Maternal Health Benchmarking Survey and Guide, and a toolkit for building a Perinatal Community Advisory Board. Read the full blog to learn more.

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See Our Maternal Health Work Across NJ



Take Five Interview

With Acting Commissioner Joseph Ribsam, New Jersey Department of Children and Families

New Jersey Department of Children and Families Acting Commissioner Joseph Ribsam talks about returning to the department where he started his career, why youth mental health will be his biggest area of focus, what he learned leading New Hampshire's child welfare system, and how to make it easier for families to know where to turn when their child needs mental health support. Read the full Take Five

interview.

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UPCOMING QUALITY INSTITUTE EVENTS

Connect with the Mayors Wellness Campaign (MWC) at League

The **Mayors Wellness Campaign** will be at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, November 17-19. **Visit us at Booth 107** for resources and to connect with our staff.

On **Tuesday, November 17,** stop by our booth to share your MWC experiences with our mural artist, who will be visually capturing 20 years of campaign moments. Make sure your work is represented. Then, at 2 p.m., attend our MWC panel featuring mayors from Bass River, Linden, and Red Bank sharing how their campaigns are furthering the health and wellness of their communities. Public health CE credits are available.

On **Wednesday, November 18,** from 1 to 2 p.m., meet NJ Health Commissioner Dr. Raynard E. Washington at our **Booth 107** to talk about your town's health priorities.

Maternity Action Plan Virtual Work Session | Breaking Down the Bundle: What's Changing in Maternity Care Payment

Wednesday, December 2, 12-1 p.m. | Virtual

This session will explore upcoming changes to maternity care payment taking effect in January 2027, focusing on the transition away from traditional global maternity care billing codes and the rationale behind these changes. Participants will better understand the potential implications for care delivery and reimbursement, as well as what these changes may mean for providers, patients, and other maternal health stakeholders.

Featured Speakers



Taylor Platt, MPH
Director of Policy & Coverage Initiatives, *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)*



Dr. Lisa Gittens-Williams, MD
New Jersey ACOG Section Legislative Chair, *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)*



Dr. Manish Oza, MD
Deputy Chief Medical Officer, *Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey*

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