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A BI-WEEKLY LOOK AT THE BUSINESS & POLITICS OF HEALTH CARE IN NEW JERSEY

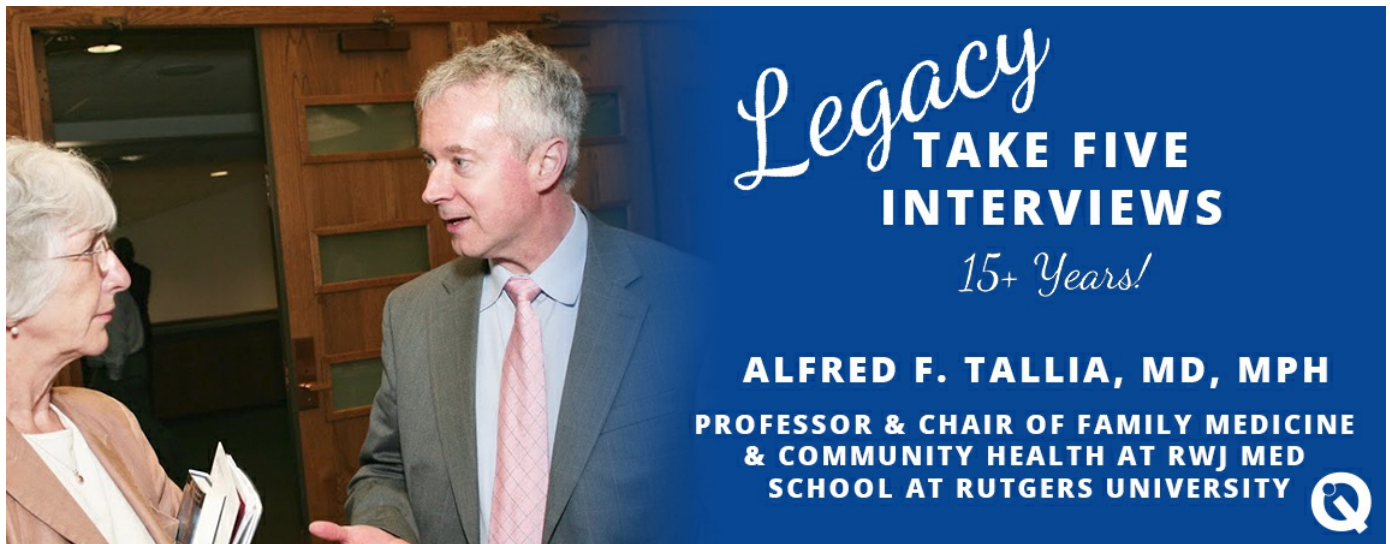


PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER

[NJ Spotlight Op-Ed: NJ Should Extend Medicaid Postpartum Coverage](#)

In this week's Schwimmer Script, featured as an Op-Ed in NJ Spotlight, Linda Schwimmer discusses how sixty days after giving birth, thousands of women in New Jersey lose their Medicaid coverage. Extending Medicaid coverage for six months to one year postpartum, rather than only 60 days, would make a real difference in reducing maternal mortality and advancing equity. When women lose their health benefits, they often neglect themselves and don't seek out the care they need at such a vulnerable time of life. **Please join us in calling for this important step for women across the Garden State.**

[Read Full NJ Spotlight Op-Ed](#)



LEGACY TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

This week's newsletter includes our first Legacy Take Five interview. Throughout the year, we'll interview some of our longstanding members who will share how their partnership with the Quality Institute helps them advance the mission we all share: improving the safety, quality, and affordability of health care for everyone.

Alfred F. Tallia, MD, MPH, Professor and Chair of Family Medicine and Community Health at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University.

Interview Sneak Peak: *Primary care and family medicine is essential to almost all of the new alternative payment models and innovations. How are you preparing your students for these changes?*

"I can tell you that we've been preparing and waiting for these innovations for 50 years! Every other Westernized, industrialized country — except for the United States — has recognized that primary care, family medicine specifically, along with public health, is an essential ingredient to having a healthy population..."

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NEW MEMBER



Established in 1995, [Partners In Care Corporation](#) is New Jersey's oldest independent provider network and value based care enablement company.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



[Learn More About the State's Health Information Network](#)

The ability to securely and quickly share vital health information can help patients avoid re-admissions, medication errors, and duplicate tests — and can lead to improved diagnoses. In New Jersey, the statewide health information network is called the [NJHIN](#) and it's run by the [Department of Health](#) with support from our member, the [New Jersey Innovation Institute \(NJII\)](#).

The greater the participation in the network from health care providers, hospitals, and insurers the more effective the network will be for patients. If you would like to learn more about the NJHIN — and how you or your organization can join — consider signing up for our webinar, [Everything You Need to Know About the New Jersey Health Information Network](#), at **12pm on Wednesday, June 19**. You'll hear from **Van Ly** and **Nicole Omaggio**, both experts at NJII who can tell you about NJHIN and answer your questions.

You can also reach out to the Quality Institute's Chief of Staff, Amanda Burd, to learn how the Quality Institute supports NJHIN by identifying ways the network can be used to improve patient quality and outcomes. You can reach out to [Amanda Burd](#) for more information.

Register for the
Webinar

Naloxone Distribution Day – June 18, 2019

The State continues to show support in making sure all New Jerseyans have access to services to treat substance use disorder. In addition to removing the Medicaid pre-authorization requirement for treatment, the Department of Human Services is now offering free naloxone to all New Jerseyans on June 18th.

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