



NEW JERSEY  
HEALTH CARE

**QUALITY  
INSTITUTE**

**Improving the  
Safety, Quality,  
and Affordability  
of Health Care  
for Everyone**





## ABOUT THE QUALITY INSTITUTE

**AT THE QUALITY INSTITUTE, WE BELIEVE THAT COLLABORATION IS ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVING OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**

That's why we bring providers, payers, patients and decision makers together to advance health care safety, quality, and affordability. We're the only independent, nonpartisan advocate working in New Jersey to promote accountability and transparency. We have more than 100 unique member organizations — all committed to improving health care for everyone.

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#### IAN RUEGG, MBA

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"For twenty years, the Quality Institute has focused on collaborative problem-solving to make health care safer and more affordable."

#### HEATHER HOWARD, JD

FORMER NEW JERSEY COMMISSIONER  
OF HEALTH

"The Quality Institute brings together members and government leaders to share best practices and to bring innovative ideas and action to New Jersey."



#### ARTURO BRITO, MD, MPH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
THE NICHOLSON FOUNDATION

"We've funded Quality Institute projects for many years, and they consistently deliver impactful results which meet our goals to bring high quality affordable care to our vulnerable populations and to ensure state-supported health care is financially sustainable."

# MEMBER BENEFITS



## EXPOSURE

- ✓ Opportunity to be Featured in our E-Newsletter as a Take 5 Interview
- ✓ Opportunity to Have Events Listed on QI Events Calendar
- ✓ Opportunity to Sponsor Mayors Wellness Campaign Activities for Elevated Visibility
- ✓ Link to your Organization Website on our Membership Page
- ✓ Recognition on our multiple Social Media Platforms
- ✓ Participation in Events and Work Groups with State Policymakers
- ✓ Complimentary Access to All Member-Only Networking Events
- ✓ Opportunity to be Highlighted as a Webinar Content Expert or Event Speaker



## EDUCATION

- ✓ Invitation to All-Council Conferences and Quality Breakfasts
- ✓ Organization-Wide Access to Bi-Weekly E-Newsletter
- ✓ Support for Submissions to the Leapfrog Group's Hospital and Ambulatory Surgery Center Survey
- ✓ Access to Webinars from the Network for Regional Health Improvement
- ✓ Opportunity to Receive CE Credits for our Quality Improvement Webinars
- ✓ Complimentary Training on Aunt Bertha, a Social Service Referral Tool
- ✓ Opportunity to Participate in Mental Health First Aid Training to Learn How to Help Someone Who is Developing a Mental Health Problem or Experiencing a Mental Health Crisis
- ✓ Opportunity to Participate in Accredited Online Education from Medical Marijuana 411 (MM411), One of the First and Most Trusted Online Resources for Medical Cannabis Education

# MEMBER BENEFITS



## ADVOCACY

- ✓ Dedicated Quality Institute Staff Ambassador Assigned to Meet Your Membership Needs
- ✓ Opportunity to Participate in Policy Work Groups to Develop and Inform Public Policy Recommendations
- ✓ Opportunity to Access our Staff for Speaking Engagements



## COST SAVINGS

- ✓ 10% Discount on Contracted Services with Aunt Bertha Social Services Referral Platform
- ✓ 10% Discount on CE Accredited Education from MM411 Online Resources for Medical Cannabis Education.



# OUR WORK

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR WORK, PLEASE VISIT [NJHCQI.ORG/OUR-WORK](https://njhcqi.org/our-work)



## POLICY

At the Quality Institute we believe our unique multi-stakeholder approach is key to making sure that every voice in health care is represented when developing health care policy. We offer solutions to state leaders that have the support of a wide range of stakeholders.

We drive improvements in health policy by:

- Developing evidence-based policy through our Medicaid Policy Center (MPC). The MPC is dedicated to advancing the quality and cost effectiveness — and long-term sustainability — of the state's Medicaid program.
- Working with the state Department of Health and the New Jersey Innovation Institute to develop the New Jersey Health Information Network (NJHIN). The NJHIN is a legal and technical platform that allows for the electronic exchange of clinical data across health care providers in New Jersey.



## EDUCATION

At the Quality Institute we know that improving the health care system requires the commitment of dedicated professionals who need support and continuing education.

We educate our members by:

- Offering CE accredited webinars on clinical quality improvement topics through the QI Collaborative, the learning network of the Quality Institute.
- Running Health Policy & Leadership iLab, a policy course for mid-to-senior-level executives working in health care related industries.
- Partnering with the Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling at Rutgers University on our Health Matters Poll, a periodic survey which measures New Jerseyans' views.

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## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

The Quality Institute was an early advocate for health care price and quality transparency. We knew data in the hands of payers, providers, and patients would work to move the needle on quality and patient safety and that continues to drive our projects and initiatives.

We improve health care quality by:

- Serving as the Regional Leader for The Leapfrog Group, a national coalition that advocates for improved transparency, quality, and safety in hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers.
- Shaping national quality measures through leadership roles at the National Quality Forum (NQF), a national nonpartisan, membership-based nonprofit. Our President and CEO Linda Schwimmer serves on the Board and as the Chair of the Consensus Standards Approval Committee.
- Participating in the Network for Regional Health Improvement (NRHI), a network of multi-stakeholder collaboratives dedicated to the Triple Aim.



## COMMUNITY HEALTH

We are proud to work with local leaders serving the people of New Jersey to bring needed resources into the community to improve the overall health and well being of our state.

We work with local leaders to improve the health of their communities by:

- Providing evidence-based tools and no to low-cost strategies through the Mayors Wellness Campaign.
- Partnering with mayors and community partners through the Conversation of Your Life (COYL) program, which encourages a community conversation around end-of-life care planning in a culturally sensitive and accessible way.

# LIST OF QUALITY INSTITUTE MEMBERS BY COUNCIL

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## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Dialyze Direct  
Eagleton Center for Public Interest  
Polling at Rutgers University  
Horizon BlueCross BlueShield of NJ  
Medical Society of New Jersey  
NJ Innovation Institute  
NJM Insurance Company  
NJ State Chamber of Commerce  
NJ State League of Municipalities  
NJ State Nurses Association  
Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central  
& Southern NJ  
RWJBarnabas Health  
VITAS Innovative Hospice Care

## ACO COUNCIL

Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers  
Healthy Greater Newark ACO  
Partners in Care  
Trenton Health Team

## ASSOCIATION COUNCIL

American Physical Therapy Association of NJ  
BioNJ  
Employers Association of New Jersey  
Health Care Association of New Jersey  
Hospital Alliance of New Jersey  
New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians  
New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics  
New Jersey Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses  
NJ Association of Community Providers  
NJ Association of Health Plans  
NJ Association of Health Underwriters  
NJ Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies  
NJ Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
NJ Business & Industry Association  
NJ Education Association  
NJ Family Planning League  
State and Local Government Benefits Association

## CONSUMER COUNCIL

AARP of New Jersey  
American Cancer Society  
American Heart Association  
Housing and Community Development Network of NJ  
March of Dimes  
Medina Community Clinic  
Mental Health Association in NJ  
NJ YMCA State Alliance  
Partnership for a Drug-Free NJ  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
The Burke Foundation  
The Nicholson Foundation

## EDUCATION COUNCIL

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School  
Rutgers University School of Nursing

## PLAN COUNCIL

Aetna  
AmeriGroup  
AmeriHealth Caritas  
AmeriHealth New Jersey  
UnitedHealth Employer and Individual WellCare

## PROFESSIONAL & TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL

Applied Medical Software  
Aunt Bertha  
Brach Eichler  
EMET Realty  
Fox Rothschild LLP  
Health Management Associates  
MD Advantage  
PatientPing  
Rubicon MD  
Teladoc  
Venn Health Partners

## PROVIDER COUNCIL

AtlantiCare Health Solutions  
Cancer Treatment Centers of America  
Capital Health Systems  
CarePlus NJ  
Carrier Clinic  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton

## PROVIDER COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

CityLife Neighborhood Clinics  
Cooper University Hospital  
DaVita  
EastersealsNJ  
Hackensack Meridian Health JFK Medical Center  
Hackensack University Medical Center  
Henry J. Austin Health Center, Inc  
Holy Name Medical Center  
Hunterdon Healthcare  
Inspira Health Network  
Jefferson Health  
Morristown Medical Center - Atlantic Health  
Nurse-Family Partnership  
Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center  
Penn Medicine Princeton Health  
Regional Cancer Care Associates LLC  
Riverside Medical Group  
Rutgers Behavioral Health Care  
Saint Clare's Health System  
St. Francis Medical Center  
St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center  
Saint Peter's Healthcare System  
Salem Medical Center  
Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice  
Summit Medical Group  
Trinitas Regional Medical Center  
University Hospital  
Valley Health System  
Virtua Health System  
VNA Health Group

## PURCHASER COUNCIL

Northeast Carpenters Funds  
Tabula Rasa Healthcare

## WELLNESS COUNCIL

1906  
Bayer  
Cannabis Education and Research Institute  
Compassionate Care Research Institute  
Genentech  
GlaxoSmithKline (GSK)  
MM411  
Pfizer  
Sanofi