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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER
Spotlight on Health Care Transparency

Last week in Burlington City, I stood in a family health center that was crowded with state health care leaders and others applauding as Governor Murphy officially created the new Office of Health Care Affordability and Transparency. As the Quality Institute, we have long called for an office that could align the health care related departments within the state government and push for transparency on both quality and costs. I was heartened to see the State Treasurer and the Commissioners of Human Services, Banking and Insurance, and Health all there speaking about the importance of transparency and the need to work across departments to make health care more affordable in our state.

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KATHLEEN NOONAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
THE CAMDEN COALITION OF
HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS



TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

As the CEO of the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, Kathleen Noonan speaks with us about their recently published findings from their randomized controlled trial (RTC) in 2014.

Interview Sneak Peek: *Interview Sneak Peek: Why did the Camden Coalition undertake the randomized controlled trial (RTC) in 2014?*

It was a great opportunity for us — a relatively small nonprofit — [to work with](#) an academic research partner to test our intervention in a community-based setting. Having spent many years as the co-director of PolicyLab, a research center at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, I have a deep appreciation for the strengths that come with a research partnership group like [J-PAL North America](#). Plus, in 2014, funding was available from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Center to study our intervention. Our hypothesis was that targeted short-term care management and care coordination could support medically complex patients and reduce overall costs and improve care for this population. The metric studied was hospital readmission.

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NEW RESOURCE: QUALITY BRIEFING

New Quality Briefing

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New Release: At our Quality Breakfast last Thursday, we were excited to announce the release of our newest Quality Briefing, entitled, *New Jersey Hospitals Awarded as “2019 Top Hospitals” by The Leapfrog Group*. In this new Quality Briefing, focused on the New Jersey designees of the 2019 Leapfrog Group’s Top Hospital Awards, we interviewed all

seven New Jersey Top Hospital designees to better understand the best practices used in their facilities to achieve Top Hospital status. **We encourage you, our members, to implement these practices and strategies within your organizations to improve quality and patient safety.**

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About our Quality Briefing Series:

Designed to share relevant data sets and information that can inform quality improvement work, these briefings are meant to be used by employers, purchasers, payers, and patients to help inform decisions about where to seek care, leverage purchasing power, and increase transparency. Throughout the year, we will be releasing more Quality Briefings that focus on different topics that affect our diverse membership. In the meantime, please take a look at our previous Quality Briefings.

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We invite you to download the Quality Breakfast slides, which feature the presentations from both of the experts who spoke last week's event, Dr. Shantanu Agrawal, President and CEO of the National Quality Forum (NQF), and Katie Burggraf Stewart, Director of Health Care Ratings at Leapfrog. **Members, we encourage you to share these insightful resources with your colleagues, members, and other stakeholders.**

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