

New Jersey Reproductive Health Access Project: Overview

The New Jersey Reproductive Health Access Project (NJ-RHAP) is led by the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute (Quality Institute) and supported by Arnold Ventures.

Overview

NJ-RHAP is a statewide initiative created to empower New Jersey patients, their providers, and payers, to identify the reproductive health services that are best for themselves and their families and to expand access to the full range of contraceptive options available. NJ-RHAP seeks to identify and improve state laws, regulations, and contracts while increasing providers' understanding of key policies that impact service delivery for reproductive health services, specifically contraceptive services. The goal of NJ-RHAP is to reduce the policy and payment system barriers that prevent individuals from accessing the contraceptive method(s) they most desire through provide education efforts and to promote policy change that supports patient-centered reproductive health care.

Under NJ-RHAP, the Quality Institute:

- Works with state entities, stakeholders and subject matter experts to identify barriers patients and their providers face in trying to access various methods of contraception;
- Developed a toolkit to provide guidance and clarification on key policies impacting service delivery and reimbursement for reproductive health services, as well as best practices for patient-centered care, and will disseminate this information in a variety of formats to providers throughout the state; and
- Leverages the expertise of its members, project consultants, and the NJ-RHAP Steering Committee to identify and form recommendations to policy issues regarding accessible reproductive health services and efforts to dismantle those barriers.

NJ-RHAP Provider Access Commitment Toolkit (NJ-RHAP PACT)

In Spring 2020, the Quality Institute will be releasing the NJ-RHAP Provider Access Commitment Toolkit (NJ-RHAP PACT), which will be an engaging and informative resource for providers (clinical staff as well as administrative personnel). The NJ-RHAP PACT provides education and support for the implementation of best practices to increase access to reproductive health services, including long-acting reversible contraception (LARC), using shared-decision making and the promotion of reproductive justice. The toolkit cover topics such as billing and coding for contraceptive services, same-day access to LARC, and community engagement strategies. Quality Institute staff will be doing presentations and training across the state through Summer and Fall 2020 about the content of this toolkit to facilitate productive discussions about the importance of reproductive health access and strategies to reduce barriers to high-quality and comprehensive care.

NJ-RHAP Steering Committee

The NJ-RHAP Steering Committee was convened in Fall 2019 to bring together experts in reproductive health across the state and nationally. This group meets in-person on a quarterly basis and provides additional ad-hoc support to ensure that NJ-RHAP and the NJ-RHAP PACT is responsive to the needs of providers throughout the state and emphasizes patient-centric best practices for reproductive health services. *The views of the toolkit and project activities do not reflect the views or opinions of Steering Committee representatives or their organizations.*

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