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Perinatal Care During COVID-19: Recommendations Issued to Guide Pregnant Individuals and Caregivers

At the Quality Institute, we just released recommendations to guide pregnant individuals and their caregivers through the unprecedented times we're living in right now. We answered a request from the State and The Nicholson Foundation and created a Work Group comprised of maternal and child health experts in New Jersey.

The result is *Recommendations of the New Jersey Perinatal Care During COVID-19 Work Group*. I'm now asking all of our members to download and share this far-reaching and important document. It's available [here](#).

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

As the newest member of our team, Dapa Wilcox is the Community Coordinator for the Quality Institute.

Interview Sneak Peek: *What do you think is most important about our COYL program?*

I've witnessed family members and loved ones pass away from illnesses in their twenties, and I've seen loved ones repeatedly placed on life-sustaining treatments in their eighties. In both cases, they were no longer able to speak for themselves. Did they want the level of care they received? The conversations with my family members often revolve around the question, "Is this what they would have wanted?" If they had voiced their end-of-life care plans and wishes that would have helped to guide our family.

During an unprecedented public health crisis like such the COVID-19 pandemic, it is especially important to have these conversations with your family and loved ones.

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NEW WEBINARS IN OUR COVID-19 SERIES

QI COVID-19 WEBINAR SERIES

*MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN:
THE COMMUNITY
RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FROM TWO NJ
MAYORS*

TODAY, THURSDAY MAY 7 AT 12PM





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This month we are bringing you four new webinars in our COVID-19 Webinar Series which touch on critical facets of health care that have been affected by COVID-19, such as telehealth, pharmacy safety and access, physical therapy, and community health. We invite you to register and share these webinars with your networks. You can also catch up on

the previous webinars in this series by viewing the recordings on our website.

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Join us today for the latest webinar in our COVID-19 Webinar Series, “The Community Response to COVID-19 from 2 New Jersey Mayors,” where you will learn how two very different communities in New Jersey have reacted to this crisis and shown leadership. We are honored to have Borough of Garwood Mayor Sara Todisco and City of Paterson Mayor Andre Sayegh as our expert panelists.

By Participating in This Webinar You Will Learn:

- What New Jersey municipalities are doing to respond to their residents’ needs
- How mayors are staying connected with their residents while social distancing
- How Mayors Wellness Campaigns are continuing to connect with residents to improve health and wellness in their communities.

Join us on our *Mayors Wellness Campaign: The Community Response to COVID-19 From Two New Jersey Mayors* webinar, today at 12pm.

[Register Now](#)

All Quality Institute members, as well as members of the public, are encouraged to attend.

NEW MEMBER



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

This month, we wrote a letter in support of the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services’ (DMAHS) request to amend the Special Terms and Conditions of the 1115 New Jersey Comprehensive Demonstration to extend NJ FamilyCare coverage for eligible pregnant women to 180 days post-partum.

Our Medicaid Policy Center has been leading several efforts in the state to improve the quality of Medicaid funded maternal and child health. In partnership with DMAHS, we are convening a steering committee to develop an episode of care demonstration for Medicaid funded maternity care. We have also convened several work groups consisting of patients, providers, health plans, and support service providers to drive changes in perinatal policy, including the

elimination of payment for early elective deliveries, the requirement for providers (obstetricians and midwives) to use a standardized perinatal risk assessment form, and coverage of centering programs and doula care.

Thank you to all of our members and other organizations who signed onto our letter of support.

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For information on how to join, please contact Virginia Tesser at vtesser@njhcqi.org.

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