



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



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Increase, and Improve, Pregnancy-Related Care for All

Today I'm turning my blog over to [Kate Shamszad, MS, MPH](#), who is a Senior Program Officer in the Quality Institute's [Medicaid Policy Center](#). The Medicaid Policy Center delivers independent research, analysis, and policy solutions to improve health outcomes while also controlling health care costs.



KATE SHAMSZAD, MS, MPH

New Jersey is stronger when we can all make decisions about our families, our health, and our futures, and live and work with dignity. All of us should be able to plan when and if to have children and raise the children we have with dignity and

respect in supportive communities. When we ensure that everyone — regardless of income, zipcode, insurance coverage, or immigration status — gets affordable and high-quality health care, the health and well-being of our community — and our state — improves.

The evidence is overwhelming that high-quality comprehensive pregnancy-related care leads to lower infant mortality and healthier babies. The fiscal benefits are significant in the short term and the long term. And the human benefits are incalculable.

New Jersey policymakers recognize the value of contraceptive access, as evidenced by their investment in family planning in the state budget. It is also clear that they value prenatal care, seen in their creation of the Supplemental Prenatal Care program two decades ago to extend funding to increase access to prenatal care for people who are undocumented in New Jersey. The program provides free or low-cost prenatal services at hospital clinics and FQHCs.

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Thank you **Commissioner Marlene Caride**, New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance; **Desmond Slattery**, New Jersey Association of Health Underwriters; **Maura Collinsgru**, New Jersey Citizen Action; **Monica Chopra**, Oscar Health; **Michael Considine**, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey; and **Mike Munoz**, AmeriHealth New Jersey, for participating in the informative discussion during our *Health Insurance Coverage and the New State-Based Exchange* webinar on Wednesday, October 14.

Our members, board members, and partners came together for a dynamic, virtual conversation that focused on lending strategies to support open enrollment and strengthen health insurance for people in our state. This webinar is now available as a [recording](#) and can be shared with colleagues and others interested in this enlightening round table.

For more information about this webinar's topic, read Governor Murphy's press release, "Governor Murphy Announces Launch of New State-Based Health Insurance Marketplace, Get Covered New Jersey," [here](#) and learn more about the **Get Covered NJ** campaign [here](#).

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Join us for an analysis of how the 2020 election could affect critical aspects of our health care system and how we can continue driving safety, quality, and affordability in 2021 and beyond. **Quality Institute Board Member Rob Andrews**, a former U.S. Representative, will share his insight on what the election results could mean to health care providers, payers, consumers, and others who are essential to the delivery of health care. **Our President & CEO, Linda Schwimmer**, will continue the conversation by leading a multi-stakeholder panel discussion.

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**HAVING THE CONVERSATION:
PLANNING AHEAD FOR THE
UNEXPECTED**

Join us on **11/5 at 12pm** for this
webinar.

*This webinar is geared towards health care
providers and New Jersey residents.*



We welcome and invite everyone, from community members to health care providers, to our COYL webinar, *Having the Conversation: Planning Ahead for the Unexpected*. You and your loved ones will gain peace of mind by making your health care wishes known before a medical emergency happens. Learn tips, tools, and strategies to communicate your wishes to loved ones and your health care providers. For providers, learn tips to engage your patients on this topic and invite them to the webinar.

This event will be moderated by our Community Coordinator, [Dapa Wilcox](#), and will feature prominent experts: **Margaret “Gretchen” Schwarze, MD, MPP, FACS**, Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, and **Tacy Silverberg-Urian, RN, BSN, CHPN**, Founder of Advance Choices.

Goals of This Webinar:

- Engage New Jersey residents and health care providers in conversations around advance care planning.

- Increase the number of New Jersey residents who have documented their goals of care and communicated them with their caregivers and provider

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