



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER **2020 Election Results Create Opportunities for Change in U.S. Health Care Policy**

With our nation welcoming a new president and federal administration, we should seize the opportunity to improve our health care system. At the Quality Institute, we work closely with our members, many of them on the frontlines of medicine, and we know how federal policies affect all of our efforts to improve safety, quality, and affordability of health care.

At our upcoming All Council Conference, [**Election Results 2020 Insider Briefing: Implications on Our Health Care System**](#), we'll discuss how the 2020 election will affect health policies including access, equity, transparency, and affordability. [**Quality Institute Board Member Rob Andrews**](#), a former U.S. Representative and CEO of Health Transformation Alliance, will share his insights and I'll continue the conversation by moderating a panel of experts that includes two Quality Institute Board Members and former New Jersey Commissioners of Health, [**Heather Howard**](#) and [**Dr. Shereef Elnahal**](#), as well as Quality Institute Leadership Council Members Triste Brooks, President & CEO of [**Planned Parenthood of Northern, Central and Southern New Jersey**](#) and Michellene Davis, Executive Vice President & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer of [**Robert Wood Johnson Barnabas Health**](#).

There are sensible, impactful policy changes that President-elect Biden could implement immediately upon assuming office that do not require congressional approval — just political will. And there are needed changes that will take more time, consideration, and support from Congress. I am outlining my suggestions for change in this blog. **Members and invited guests, I hope you join us at our**

conference, where we can discuss these and other issues critical to improving health are for everyone in the years ahead.

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Rob Andrews, a former member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 24 years, currently serves as the CEO of the Health Transformation Alliance (HTA). Andrews is a board member of the Quality Institute and will be the keynote speaker at the December 1st, Quality Institute All Council Conference, [Election Results 2020 Insider Briefing: Implications on Our Health Care System](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *What are larger employers and health care purchasers most concerned with right now — and what would they like to see from the next administration?*

They want to see policies that foster an environment where more people are healthy more often. American employers are spending hundreds of billions of dollars a year on health services and we do not feel like we are getting hundreds of billions of dollars a year worth of value. So, the person with type 2 diabetes who could manage her care through exercise and nutrition does not — and winds up having a stroke or a heart attack. The mom who could deliver a perfectly healthy baby in a very healthy way ends up with a very difficult delivery and the baby in the NICU. We want to change that...We're not interested in the cheapest mammogram. We are interested in the most accurate mammogram that can help prevent a catastrophe for a patient later on.

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UPDATE: PERINATAL CARE RECOMMENDATIONS



Since their release in May, the [Recommendations](#) have been adopted by health care providers statewide to ensure that perinatal services remain accessible and evidence based during the pandemic. Please note, the Quality Institute continues to review the literature on COVID-19 and pregnancy and updates the Recommendations as needed every Friday.

It is critical for pregnant individuals to understand what to expect about their perinatal care during COVID-19. They will address new challenges, have new questions, and may need additional resources. Therefore, through a grant from the New Jersey Department of Health, we are developing consumer-facing educational materials which explain the Recommendations and resources. Thank you to our work group partners who are helping us develop the content and disseminate this important information statewide to pregnant individuals and their caregivers.

[Read the Recommendations](#)

NEW MEMBER



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