



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



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Rutgers Project Echo Provides Critical Support for New Jersey Nursing Homes

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, nursing home residents and the staff who care for them have been in the eye of the storm. In New Jersey, more than [4,000](#) of the residents have died from the virus. Nationwide, the number is more than [61,000](#) individuals, which is over a quarter of all COVID deaths in the nation.

The tragedy has prompted some needed action. One example is the [AHRQ ECHO National Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network](#), a program created to support nursing homes during this pandemic and beyond. Rutgers Project ECHO is launching the program in New Jersey. The Quality Institute is working with Rutgers Project ECHO in partnership with the state Department of Health, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and Trinitas Regional Medical Center.

Please share this blog, reach out to as many nursing home leaders you know, and encourage them to enroll their organization in the training program. We want 100 percent of the 364 Medicare-and-Medicaid certified New Jersey nursing homes to participate.

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Teresa Hursey is President of [Medicaid Health Plan NJ, Amerigroup, an Anthem Company](#). Amerigroup is a member of the Quality Institute's Plan Council.

Interview Sneak Peek: *How is Amerigroup supporting its members during the COVID-19 pandemic? Are there particular programs or resources you want to highlight?*

This public health emergency has tested our local plan and we have responded in ways far too numerous to list here. We all know that New Jersey has been one of the most heavily impacted states in terms of the spread of COVID. We have had real leadership from our State partners to rapidly respond with all our plan resources to ensure that care for our members continued uninterrupted, to protect high risk members, and to help our provider partners weather the storm. Specifically, we've been supporting frontline workers to make sure they have access to the personal protective equipment (PPE) they need; we've partnered with local organizations to help families in need access food and child care; and we've supported events designed to provide free COVID testing and offer local communities the opportunity to donate blood and plasma.

This emergency has endured far longer than we'd like, and now forces us to consider new approaches and technologies to deliver care. While originally these adaptations were necessary to stabilize the health care system, they will ultimately transform it.

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Join us for an analysis of how the 2020 election results will affect our health care system and work is necessary to continue driving safety, quality, and affordability in 2021 and beyond. **Quality Institute Board Member Rob Andrews**, a former U.S.

Representative and current CEO at [Health Transformation Alliance](#), is our keynote speaker. His insight on the election results impact on health care issues. ^{Tran} panel of experts will follow to discuss equity, access, and affordability.



Rob Andrews, JD



Michellene Davis, Esq.



Triste Brooks, MS, AASECT



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Heather Howard, JD

Our President & CEO, [Linda Schwimmer](#), will continue the conversation by leading a multi-stakeholder panel discussion.

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[Hackensack Meridian Health](#) (HMH), in partnership with [New Jersey Medicaid](#), the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute, and the [Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey](#), has entered into a collaborative agreement with [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#) (CMS) to establish the **New Jersey Integrated Care for Kids (InCK) model**. Working with those who provide primary care to children in Monmouth and Ocean Counties, NJ InCK will test an Alternative Payment Model (APM), for NJ Family Care programs, by providing payment for screening and provision of integrated community-based core child health services.

InCK Model Goals:

1. Ensure that all children receive expanded Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) care at least annually;
2. Identify children and adolescents who have more complex health, behavioral or social needs; and
3. Provide community-based care management that integrates with the pediatric health system.

We invite you to visit the new page on our website to learn more about this important work.

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

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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 providers.

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The New Jersey Dental Association

Founded in 1870, the [New Jersey Dental Association](#) is one of the state's oldest professional associations. Originally chartered as the New Jersey State Dental Society, twenty-seven prominent dentists from across New Jersey convened for the purpose of forming a statewide organization, and to "devise and adopt such other measures as may be deemed essential to our mutual improvement, and for the elevation of our common profession." Today, the NJDA remains committed to its founders' ideals by promoting a mission that "serves and supports its members and fosters the advancement of quality, ethical oral healthcare for the public."



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

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