



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



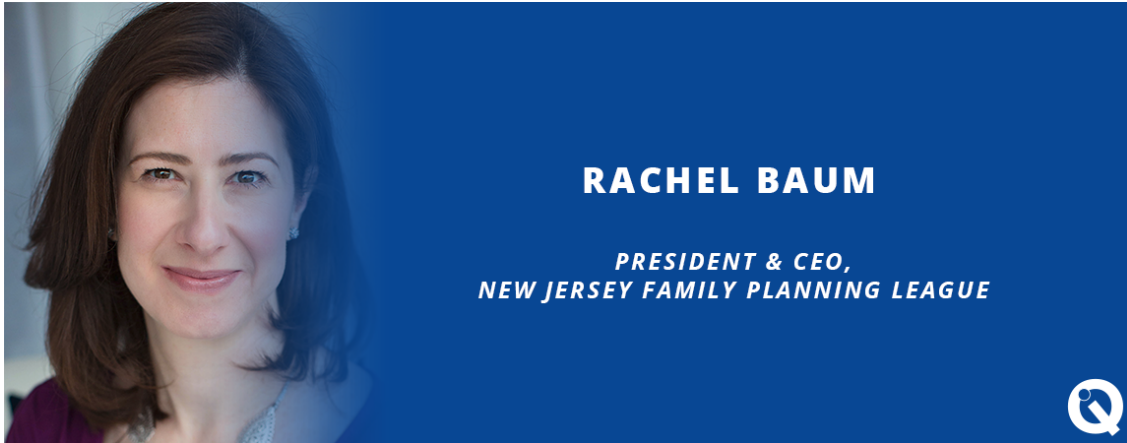
PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER

The Post-Pandemic Budget We Need Right Now

Budgets, like tax codes, are not just fiscal documents with numbers. A budget reflects who has power, whose voice is heard, what needs are met. After the traumatic year we've been through, it's good to see that we have money to spend to begin healing our State. When it comes to health care spending, it is good to see that the FY 2022-23 budget, more than any prior budget, provides help for those who really need it. The spending plan reflects a deep understanding of the complex issues in health care — and the steps we need to strengthen our health care system for all our State's residents.

This budget emerges after a year in which we saw entrenched societal disparities play out tragically. The COVID-19 pandemic unequally affected people of color and those living in low-income communities. Which is why this budget is on target in its investments to improve maternal child health, primary care, and our public health system. While the budget includes much more on health care, I want to highlight a few of the items that the Quality Institute has supported. These are types of investments that we need, and we're thankful our voices and the voices of our members were heard. Indeed, some of the budget items were included in our [*Emerging from COVID-19: An Action Plan for A Healthier State.*](#)

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RACHEL BAUM

**PRESIDENT & CEO,
NEW JERSEY FAMILY PLANNING LEAGUE**



TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Rachel Baum is President and CEO of the [New Jersey Family Planning League](#), a member of the Quality Institute's Association Council.

Interview Sneak Peek: *As the new CEO of the New Jersey Family Planning League, can you tell us about the organization?*

The New Jersey Family Planning League has been around for over 45 years. We work to ensure access to high quality and comprehensive family planning health care services for anyone in New Jersey, regardless of age, identity, immigration status or ability to pay. We want everyone to have access to high quality services and a full range of contraceptive options, or to support their health as they plan for a pregnancy.

We receive federal and state funds, and then it's our job to understand the landscape of need across the 21 counties of New Jersey. We disseminate, manage, and oversee the use of these funds — with the priority of serving people who are low income, uninsured, and those who might not otherwise have access to reproductive health care. We fund 13 provider organizations with a total of 57 health care service sites in all 21 counties. Our diverse network of providers utilizes current evidence-informed standards of care and best practices — the gold standard of family planning health care service delivery.

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MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN®

Celebrating 15 Years

NEW WEBINAR

ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Tuesday, July 13th from
1:00 p.m – 2:00 p.m.



Members, join us on **Tuesday, July 13th, from 1:00 p.m – 2:00 p.m.** for the [Mayors Wellness Campaign](#) (MWC) webinar in partnership with the [Community Food Bank of New Jersey](#) for the latest MWC webinar, *Addressing Food Insecurity at the Local Level*.

By attending this webinar you will learn:

- How the Community Food Bank of New Jersey partners with community organizations to serve residents, including health systems and nonprofits.
- How hunger affects the health and wellness of New Jersey residents.
- The impact of COVID-19 on food insecurity.
- Benefits of Jersey City's partnership with Community Food Bank of New Jersey.

Panelists:

- **Triada Stampas**, Impact Leader – [Community Food Bank of New Jersey](#)
- **Jessica Elicin**, Implementation Lead, [Community Food Bank of New Jersey](#)
- **Stacey L. Flanagan**, Director, [Health and Human Services, Jersey City](#).

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This event is open to the public.

NEW MEMBER



Bankers Cooperative Group, Inc.

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NEW OPPORTUNITY

New Jersey's Health Care Cost Growth Benchmark Program

The [New Jersey Office of Health Care Affordability & Transparency](#) in the Office of the Governor, the [New Jersey Department of Banking & Insurance](#), and [Rutgers Center for State Health Policy](#) are hosting informational webinars to learn about New Jersey's new [Health Care Cost Growth Benchmark Program](#) and understand its impact on consumers, providers, employers, and other stakeholders.

All webinars are open to everyone, but each will be targeted to a specific audience. Register below:

- [7/13 from 1:00-2:30](#) – Employers and other purchasers of group health benefits
- [7/14 from 2:30 - 4:00](#) – Policy and community leaders and advocates
- [7/15 from 3:00-4:30](#) – Hospitals, providers, and other health care stakeholders



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

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