



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER

New Jersey Must Increase its Medicaid Investment in Primary Care

My message for this issue of our newsletter was published in [NJ Spotlight News](#). It's time to address health equity by reexamining our systems and investing more in high quality, comprehensive primary care for the 2.1 million people enrolled in New Jersey Medicaid. The policy of paying half the amount paid through Medicare — for the same services — is inequitable and unacceptable. This issue is also discussed in our [Take Five interview with Chris Koller](#) and was explored at our [conference](#) yesterday. We hope to work with you, our members, on increasing our investment in primary care and making it a common good.

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HIGH-QUALITY PRIMARY CARE"*



TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Christopher Koller is president of the [Milbank Memorial Fund](#), a 117-year operating foundation that improves population health by connecting leaders with the best information and experience. Before joining the Fund, Koller was Rhode Island's first health insurance commissioner. Koller was the keynote speaker at the Quality Institute's recent conference on [increasing investment in high quality primary care](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *How do you think a stronger primary care system would have helped us during the pandemic?*

We have evidence that we published from Maryland where they've been doing a lot of work around integrating public health into primary care, which you can only do if you have an organized primary care system. With Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services support, Maryland has a statewide primary care program that offers funding, data, and support to participating practices through the state Department of Health. Not all practices participate. That experience shows that primary care practices that participated had lower rates of COVID incidence, lower rates of COVID-related hospitalizations, and [lower rates](#) of COVID deaths.

[Read Full Interview](#)

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PRIMARY CARE AS A COMMON GOOD SERIES





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In December 2021, we launched our *Primary Care as a Common Good* conference series where we gathered expert speakers to talk about making high-quality primary care a common good to create a healthier and more equitable health care system.

Recordings of parts 1 and 2 of the series are available [now!](#)

[View Primary Care Series](#)

NEW MEMBER



Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Hospice and Palliative Nurse Association

The mission of the [Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Hospice and Palliative Nurse Association](#) is to build an influential network of hospice and palliative care nurses and professionals in New Jersey to share tools, resources, and education focused on the provision of expert care for the seriously ill. NNJ HPNA is a trusted partner in COYL, the Quality Institute's community based initiative to promote advance care planning through out New Jersey.



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

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