



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



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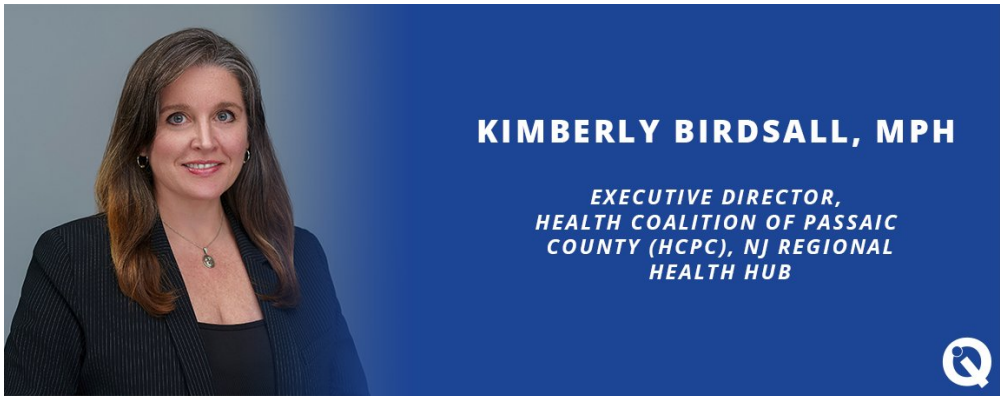
Catch Up on Quality Institute Work on Telehealth; Insurance for Small Business; Midwifery

In recent weeks, the Quality Institute has accomplished significant work on issues that advance our mission to improve health care quality, safety, and affordability. You may have read the two significant reports we published this month, viewed our article on telehealth, or seen our press coverage. I nonetheless want to bring all this critical work together to share with you here.

First, I co-authored an ambitious article, “[Measuring the Effectiveness and Value of Virtual Health Care](#),” with Chuck Amos of the [National Quality Forum](#) (NQF) that advocated for measuring the quality, effectiveness, and equitable access of telehealth. The piece was published this month in the American Journal of Accountable Care. We urged that the findings of this research be used to support the expansion and payment policies for virtual care.

Also this month, we published, [Short- and Long-Term Strategies to Support Health Care Affordability and Price Transparency for Small Employers and Consumers in New Jersey](#). The white paper provides deep background on the market, existing challenges to affordability, and nine potential actions we can take to strengthen the market for small businesses and organizations in our state. At the Quality Institute, we see the challenges firsthand, and we know the struggles that small business committed to insuring their employees face each year...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW
Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Kimberly Birdsall, MPH, is Executive Director of the Health Coalition of Passaic County (HCPC), one of four Regional Health Hubs in New Jersey. The organization is a Quality Institute [ACO Council member](#). The other New Jersey Regional Health Hubs are [Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers](#), [Trenton Health Team](#), and [Greater Newark Healthcare Coalition](#), which are also [Quality Institute members](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *The Health Coalition of Passaic County was not part of the original Medicaid Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Demonstration Project. How did the organization become a Regional Health Hub?*

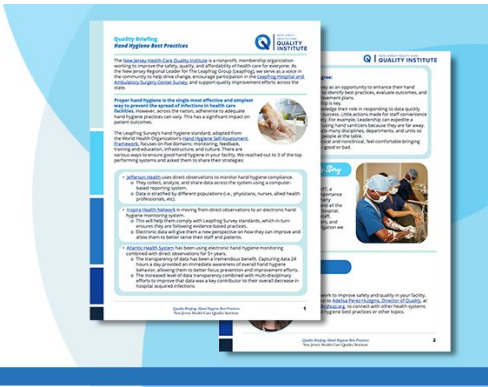
We were founded by a grant from The Nicholson Foundation in 2016 and our goals, work and objectives mirrored those of the three state-funded Medicaid ACOs. We were embraced by those organizations, and we worked with them to share knowledge, insights, and initial funding.

In January 2020, the Regional Health Hub (RHH) law took effect in New Jersey, building on lessons from the legislatively created Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Demonstration Project and including the HCPC as the fourth organization. Including us showed that this work could be expanded, that the Medicaid demonstration project had incredible value, and that the work of regional health hubs could be replicated. We had tremendous leadership from our board and partners, such as St. Joseph’s Health and St. Mary’s, and non-clinical partners such as the Passaic County Department of Health and the Paterson Housing Authority...

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QUALITY BRIEFING
Hand Hygiene Best Practices

NEW RESOURCE



New Release: Proper hand hygiene is the single most effective and simplest way to prevent the spread of infections in health care facilities. However, ensuring good

hand hygiene practices can be difficult.

Read our newest **Quality Briefing** to learn about the strategies used by **three New Jersey health systems that are top performing in hand hygiene** - [Atlantic Health System](#), [Inspira Health Network](#), and [Jefferson Health](#).

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MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN
New Tools To Improve Community Health
FREE WEBINAR

Social Determinants of Health

The banner features a central circular diagram with four icons: a graduation cap (education), a house (housing), a group of people (community), and a gear with a dollar sign (economics). Arrows connect these icons in a clockwise cycle. The text 'Social Determinants of Health' is written in a cursive font across the center of the diagram.

Read our most recent [MWC newsletter](#), which features the first installment of our [Mayors Wellness Campaign Virtual Series](#) focused on Social Determinants of Health (SDoH). The installment shows how communities can leverage their MWCs to improve residents' health outcomes.

Join us on **Wednesday, July 20 at 12pm** to learn strategies communities can use to address food security, access to open and safe space, and more [here](#).

[Register for MWC SDoH Virtual Event](#)

STAY IN TOUCH

JOIN OUR MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN NEWSLETTER

A QUARTERLY UPDATE ON THE MWC ACTIVITIES

Stay in touch with our statewide community health initiative that provides communities with evidence-based tools and strategies to improve the health and wellness of their communities. Catch up on the latest MWC newsletters [here](#).

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WHAT WE ARE READING

CURRENT STAFF READS



- [18 Predications for Health Care Predictions in 2022-2025](#) by David Shulkin, MD
- [Commonwealth Fund Commission Report on Transforming Public Health in the United States](#)



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