

## Summary - Increase Support for Alternative Delivery of Care and Payment Models

Delivery of care and payment models was the second of four priority areas in our April 2021 [Emerging From COVID-19: An Action Plan for a Healthier State](#), a set of 24 consensus-driven recommendations designed to strengthen our health care system.



## RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

### A. Telehealth

8. Convene the Telemedicine and Telehealth Review Commission.
9. Support testing programs that include the provision of remote monitoring devices.
10. Continue telehealth and remote monitoring in clinical trials.

### B. Long-term care and home-based care for older adults.

11. Implement the Manatt report recommendations.
12. Support home-based medical care models.
13. Adopt a statewide plan for healthy aging.

### C. Strengthen patient access and connection to high quality primary care.

14. Track and set goals for spending on high quality primary care.
15. Expand use of aligned payment models for primary care.
16. Facilitate and leverage relationships between primary care and public health.

### D. Increase accessibility of integrated behavioral health care.

17. Issue “integrated facility” licensing regulations.
18. Advance integrated physical and mental health services payment changes in Medicaid.





## RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN

### Telehealth

- The National Quality Forum (NQF) convened an Action Team on Virtual Healthcare Quality and released an [issue brief](#) recommending measuring virtual health care's quality and effectiveness.
- New Jersey passed [legislation](#) in 2022 that leaves most telehealth payments in place for 2 years to create a glide path for virtual care to continue.
- The American Journal of Accountable Care published an opinion piece by Linda Schwimmer, President and CEO of the Quality Institute, and Chuck Amos, Director of Quality Innovation of NQF on June 8, 2022, to encourage measuring telehealth quality. "[Measuring the Effectiveness and Value of Virtual Health Care.](#)"

### Primary Care

- The National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine released an evidence-based plan with actionable objectives and recommendations for implementing high-quality primary care in 2021, "[Implementing High Quality Primary Care: Rebuilding the Foundation of Health Care.](#)"
- NJ Spotlight published an op-ed by Linda Schwimmer, President and CEO of the Quality Institute, on February 23, 2022 "[New Jersey Must Increase its Medicaid Investment in Primary Care.](#)"
- NJ Spotlight published an op-ed by Dr. Jamie L. Reedy and Megan Avallone, Westfield public health officer, on June 1, 2022 "[COVID-19 Taught Providers that Public Health Benefits from Collaboration.](#)"
- [Legislation](#) introduced by Assemblyman Herb Conaway and Senator Teresa Ruiz would increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for primary care and mental health services.

### The FY2022 NJ State Budget Included the Following Recommendations:

- Recommendation # 14 – The State will annually report on the percentage of total medical expenditures that were spent on primary care services.
- Recommendation # 15 – The State will conduct a market scan of State-funded, team-based primary care models.
- Recommendation # 16 - The Department of Health will establish and publicize best practices for local boards of health to actively engage with local primary care providers.

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