



## **QUALITY INSTITUTE MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**

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## **OUR CURRENT WORK**

### **POLICY**

- **[NJ Integrated Care for Kids \(NJ InCK\)](#)**: NJ InCK is a model of pediatric care that emphasizes community-based case management and screening for children and families who are at the highest risk for health complexity. We co-lead this CMMI model with [Hackensack Meridian Health](#) and [Visiting Nurse Association Health Group](#).
- **[Maternity](#)**: We are actively working to improve the safety and quality of maternal health in New Jersey. Current work includes advancing Nurture NJ's strategic plan through our [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#) which focuses on data collection, supporting the workforce, reforming payment, and improving social supports. We also run a [Maternal Infant Health \(MIH\) Hub](#). The MIH Hub advances recommendations from [Delivering Better Care: Midwifery Practice in New Jersey](#) to support Midwifery practice in New Jersey. Our policy team works to promote the long-term sustainability of innovative models like [HealthySteps](#), [CenteringPregnancy](#) and [CenteringParenting](#), including understanding current payment structure and building a payment strategy that would allow for program growth across the state. Our maternity work is supported by [The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), [The Burke Foundation](#), and [NJAAP](#).
- **[Primary Care Payment Model Study](#)**: Current work includes advancing Nurture NJ's strategic plan through our Maternity Action Plan (MAP), which focuses on data collection, supporting the workforce, reforming payment, and improving social supports.
- **[Small Employer Market Reform](#)**: We released [a report with nine recommendations](#) to strengthen New Jersey's small employer market and are working to address the challenges to affordability.
- **[Essential Jobs Essential Care Coalition](#)** - Building upon the work of our [Guidance Document to Recruit, Train, and Retain a Resilient and Diverse Health Care Workforce for New Jersey](#), the Quality Institute has joined the Essential Jobs Essential Care (EJEC) Coalition to improve the recruitment, training, and retention of direct care workers, such as home health aides and certified nursing assistants, in New Jersey. This work is supported by [The Taub Foundation](#).

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- **TeamBirth NJ:** The Quality Institute with [Ariadne Labs](#) launched a shared decision-making initiative, [TeamBirth](#), in New Jersey. TeamBirth works to improve maternal and infant outcomes and inequities that are the result of breakdowns in teamwork and communication in the delivery system. This work is supported by New Jersey Department of Health.
- **The Leapfrog Group:** The Quality Institute is the Regional Leader for The Leapfrog Group in New Jersey and New York. We provide support to hospitals and Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC) to achieve the highest participation rate in the country in [The Leapfrog Group's annual Hospital and ASC Survey](#).
- **Quality Briefings:** The Quality Institute releases regular Quality Briefings to advance quality improvement work. Recent briefings have focused on screening and testing and hand hygiene best practices.

**COMMUNITY HEALTH**

- **Mayors Wellness Campaign (MWC):** MWC is a statewide community health initiative which provides communities with technical assistance for collecting local data, and prioritizing health-related needs, planning and implementing programs to address those needs, and developing evaluations. Over 430 communities across New Jersey are participating.
- **Conversation of Your Life (COYL):** COYL is a statewide community-based program focused on the value and steps for Advance Directives. COYL is a part of the MWC.
- **Mental Health Focus:** With support from [The Horizon Foundation for New Jersey](#), we are training doulas and community health workers, who support pregnant people, in [Mental Health First Aid](#). With support from the [HealthCare Foundation of New Jersey](#) we are training doulas and community health workers who support pregnant people, in Mental Health First Aid.



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