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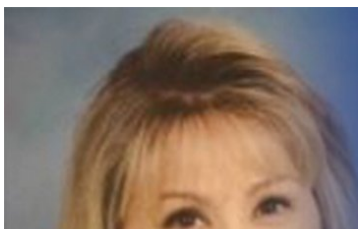
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Maternity Action Plan (MAP) Work Advances in 2024

The Quality Institute's longstanding work to improve maternal and infant health (MIH) outcomes in our state accelerates in 2024 with new virtual and in-person work sessions and a collaborative focus on improving access to doula care.

We'll continue to advance our [Maternity Action Plan](#) (MAP), which provides a path forward to address New Jersey's maternal health crisis. The MAP was created through collaboration with policy leaders, health care professionals, educators, community and social service organizations, advocates, and other experts throughout the state...

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**PAMELA HARMON,
DNP, MSN, RNC-NIC**



TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Pamela Harmon, DNP, MSN, RNC-NIC, Director, Women and Children's Division, [Saint Peter's University Hospital](#) and Administrative Director of the [Mary V. O'Shea Birth Center](#).

Interview Sneak Peek: *Saint Peter's University Hospital and its birth center have truly embraced Team Birth, an evidence-based model for better provider and patient communication during the birthing experience. How do you see Team Birth supporting your patients?*

In the United States, the high spending on maternity care has not translated into better maternal outcomes, especially for women of color, who really have a heightened risk for negative outcomes. TeamBirth enables the birthing mother to have a voice and to be a part of the care team. TeamBirth supports every woman who is going through the birthing process and provides her with the ability to share her preferences and concerns as well as any issues she may have...

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Join us in applauding the following exceptional individuals and organizations who are the winners of the **New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute's 1st Annual Partner in Quality Awards**. These awards are a celebration of dedication and excellence in health care. We are delighted to recognize the outstanding contributions of our esteemed members who have significantly impacted the health care landscape.

Legacy Member: [Horizon BCBS of New Jersey](#)

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New Member: [Legacy Treatment Services](#)





Champion of Policy: Ashish Parikh, MD, Chief Population Health Officer, [Summit Health-VillageMD](#)



Community Health Champion: Aviva Woog, Director Health Equity and SDOH, [Fidelis Care](#)



Champion of Quality: Pam Harmon, DNP, MSN, RNC-NIC, Director of Women and Children Division, [Saint Peter's University Hospital](#), Administrative Director, [Mary V. O'Shea Birth Center](#)

THE LEAPFROG GROUP'S 2023 ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER AWARDS

December 2023

The [Leapfrog Group's](#) annual meeting, *The Next Leaps in Patient Safety*, brought employers, policymakers, hospital and Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) leaders, patient advocates, and other industry partners to Washington, D.C., to advance work to transform the field of patient safety in American health care. Additionally, high performing hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) were recognized with the prestigious Top Hospital or ASC award. Congratulations to the eight New Jersey hospitals awarded as a [2023 Leapfrog Top Hospital!](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS





REGISTER NOW!



[Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\) 2024 Work Sessions - January, April, June 2024 - 12:00](#)

p.m. Save the dates for our upcoming MAP 2024 Work Sessions. Please reach out to our Program Officer, **[Brianna Hanson](#)**, for any questions. **[Register now.](#)**

[Maternal Infant Health \(MIH\) Hub's Midwifery Collaborative - January 25, 2024 -](#)

1:00 p.m. This virtual convening is an invitation for all midwives, midwifery students, and other health care stakeholders with a focus on midwifery policy to participate in policy discussions. **[Register now.](#)**

[Virtual Breakfast and Quality Learning Session](#)

- February 1, 2024 - 7:30 a.m: Hear from subject matter experts on best practices in shared decision making and about 2024 changes to the Leapfrog Hospital Survey from Melissa Danforth, Vice President of Healthcare Ratings, **[The Leapfrog Group.](#)** **[Register now.](#)**

[Quality Institute Spring All-Council Conference - May 14, 2024:](#) Save the date for our Spring All-Council Conference. *More details to come soon. For members and invited guests only.*



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

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