



# NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



## **PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER** **Quality Institute Releases Recommendations to Support Advanced Primary Care**

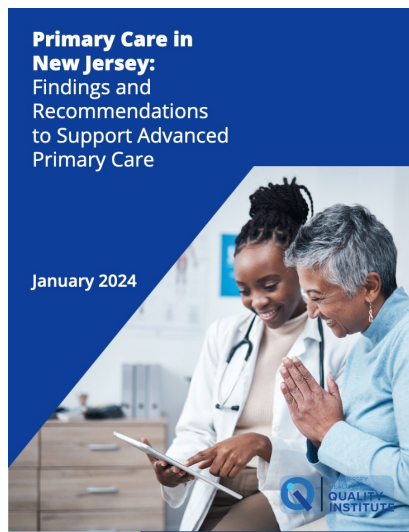
High quality primary care is the foundation of a high performing health system. It's associated with lower overall spending, improved health equity, and better population health over the long run. Yet as a nation we underinvest in primary care. And in New Jersey, we are one of the states with the lowest payment rates for primary care physicians.

At the Quality Institute, we led a focused examination of current primary care payment models in New Jersey — and we convened a work group of experts to create significant steps forward to support the delivery of *Advanced Primary Care* in New Jersey.

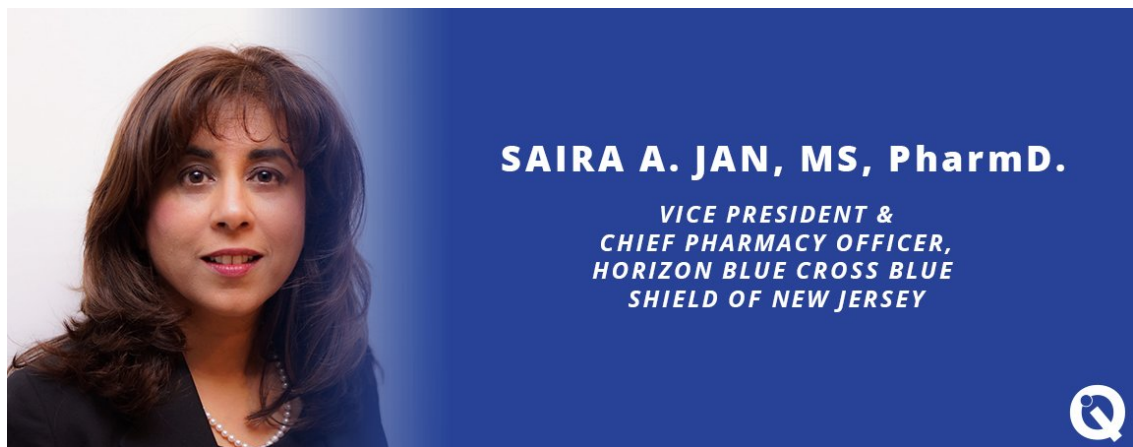
Advanced Primary Care is whole-person, integrated, accessible, and team-based health care that addresses most of an individual's health needs. This model requires infrastructure to support a care team that includes primary care clinicians and may also include community health workers, clinical social workers, pharmacists, and health coaches. These practices provide expanded hours, telehealth, and technology platforms to better engage with patients and track care across settings.

The [report](#) calls for much-needed changes to how we pay for primary care. The report

also calls for better data collection and transparency on the physician workforce for fiscal and policy decision-making. It also promotes streamlining reporting on quality measures and recommends a Core Set of measures for use across payers. At the Quality Institute, we will continue work to support Advanced Primary Care. We invite you to read and share the report and join us in this advocacy.



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## TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

### Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

Saira A. Jan, MS, PharmD., is a Vice President and Chief Pharmacy Officer at [Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey](#), and Professor Emerita at the [Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy at Rutgers University](#). She has been affiliated with both organizations for more than 25 years.

**Interview Sneak Peek:** *You are an organizer of the School of Pharmacy's Annual Roy A. Bowers Pharmaceutical Conference, which brings together leaders from academia, the pharmaceutical industry, health systems, retail, population management and policy makers. How do you see these gatherings sparking ideas and collaborations that can advance better health care?*

The Bowers Conference offers an academic platform to discuss current health care issues. Today it's a multi-stakeholder event where we bring individuals together to identify challenges and to discuss and provide solutions through collaborations and innovations. The participants include but are not limited to academics, state officials, legislators, payers, pharma, providers, FQHCs, and employer groups. The conference is heavily focused on interactive sessions with a call-to-action focus. It provides CE and CME credits and follows the rigor of un-biased content presentations. The topics are not limited to pharmacy and include topics such as population health, health care trends, public policy issues, best practices in health care delivery, data analytics, predictive modeling, behavioral health, and health care disparities. There is a local, national, and international perspective...

[Read Full Interview](#)

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## VIRTUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LEARNING SESSION and CELEBRATION OF NJ HOSPITAL QUALITY TEAMS

**Thursday, February 1, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.**

Join us for a virtual session celebrating NJ hospitals' quality teams and learn about shared decision-making.

Featuring **Adelisa Perez-Hudgins, MSN, RN, Quality Institute Director of Quality**, and panelists: Kathleen Malloy, BSN, RN, Manager Quality Development & Accreditation, [Englewood Health](#); Michelle L. Salvatore, MD, FACOG, Medical Director of Inpatient Women's Services, [Virtua Health](#); and Iuliana Shapira, MD, FACP, Chief Medical Officer, [Regional Cancer Care Associates](#).

Hear about [2024 changes](#) to the [Leapfrog Hospital Survey](#) from [Melissa Danforth](#), Vice President of Health Care Ratings, [The Leapfrog Group](#).

### This Session Is For:

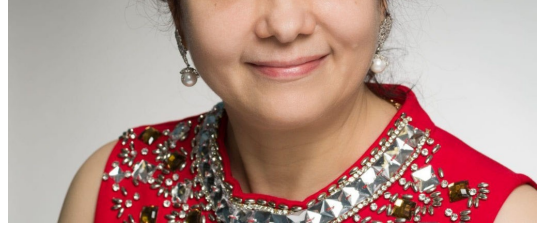
- **Health care providers and leaders** working to improve quality & safety within your organization;
- **Carriers, Employer Purchasers, Unions and advocates** working to increase transparency on safety; and
- **Regulators and policy makers.**

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## LEAPFROG GROUP ASC SURVEY

- Learn more about [The Leapfrog Group](#) and what's in the ASC Survey. Submit a request for a free, 30-minute orientation call with Leapfrog's help desk [here](#).
- Hear from Leah Binder, Leapfrog President and CEO, on why patient safety is a top 2024 priority for the country in this [Modern Healthcare article](#).

## FAMILY CONNECTS NJ UNIVERSAL HOME VISITING

### New, Innovative Program Launching in Five Counties This Month

The immediate postpartum period for any family is stimulating, and the transition can be challenging. [Family Connects NJ](#) launched a free, inclusive program to support families during the critical first weeks following childbirth. Families, regardless of income, insurance coverage, or immigration status, can request an in-home visit by a specially trained, registered nurse within the first two weeks after their child's birth. This evidence-based, comprehensive model of care is supported by our [Maternity Action Plan \(MAP\)](#) initiative and aims to improve the physical and emotional health of newborns and parents, while also connecting families to

community resources that align with their needs.

# MATERNITY ACTION PLAN



## Program Highlights:

- Care is provided at **no cost to you**, in the comfort of your own home
- Services are available to **birth, adoptive, and resource families** with a newborn, as well as parents experiencing a stillbirth or loss of their newborn
- Open to residents of **Essex, Middlesex, Mercer, Cumberland, and Gloucester Counties**

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