



# NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



## **PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER** **Hearing and Heeding the Call to Action on Primary Care**

In my last blog post, we shared with you our new report [\*Primary Care in New Jersey: Findings and Recommendations to Support Advanced Primary Care\*](#). The report is a blueprint for what needs to change in payments, quality measures, and other practice supports to enable team-based, comprehensive primary care to expand in our state. I also shared the value of primary care, which is associated with lower health care spending, reduced emergency care and hospitalizations, improved equity, and better long-term health for all of us.

So, let's get to work. One of my heroes, Don Berwick, M.D., once said, "The devil is not in the details. ... The devil is in the culture. It is all about will. Leaders must recruit the courage to make the case and put their own political and organizational futures on the line." At the Quality Institute, we have the will, and we look forward to working with you, our members, on the recommendations in the report.

I also invite you to hear directly from some of our Primary Care Work Group members who are expert leaders in primary care, alternative payment models, and quality. I invite you to stand with us and with them in advancing the recommendations in the report.

**Jamie Reedy, MD, MPH, Chief Population Health Officer & SVP, Health Solutions,**

## Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

*As a primary care physician who has been working to improve payment and delivery models for primary care for many years, I appreciate the findings and recommendations in the report. One of my top priorities is ensuring that primary care practices get the payments and support they need to be the foundation of the health care system that we need them to be...*

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## TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

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

Erin Henderson Moore, President & CEO, Fidelis Care NJ.

**Interview Sneak Peek:** *You have a long history working in Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), most recently in Washington, D.C. What prompted your interest in managed care?*

My interest in managed care has been profoundly shaped by my professional experiences and my desire to make a positive impact on health care delivery. I've witnessed firsthand the transformative power of effective care coordination and managed care models. What drives me is the ability to enact systemic change and enhance quality of care on a large scale. I want to ensure that members receive the right care at the right time. And I'm drawn to the challenge of implementing successful care models and really working with state and community partners to ensure the models are working as expected, and that they are driving person-centered health care...

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## QUALITY INSTITUTE ANNUAL REPORT

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The past year was especially impactful across all three sectors of our work: policy, quality improvement, and community health. This Annual Report highlights our work and all the things we've accomplished with you, our members. We rely on you to advance our mission — and we look forward to another year of working with you to improve health care quality, safety, equity, and affordability for everyone.



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