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

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Work Together To Keep New Jersey Medicaid Strong and Open for Business

New Jersey Family Care's enrollment system is the front door to health insurance coverage for 1.8 million residents of the Garden State.

We all benefit when everyone in our communities has access to timely health care. Coverage reduces stress, enables people to seek preventive and primary care and obtain treatment before conditions become critical or life threatening. Health insurance helps people thrive, creates financial stability for our health care system, and supports a healthier society.

Unfortunately, the recent federal law intentionally narrows the opening of New Jersey's front door to health insurance coverage, impeding enrollment by putting up barriers such as more frequent redetermination periods (when eligibility is reviewed) and soon requiring documentation on work requirements. These changes go into effect as early as the end of 2026.

There is no time to lose.

New Jersey Medicaid needs our collective support to improve and modernize the

state's enrollment systems and operations to make them as user friendly as possible. These changes will prevent people from losing coverage they are entitled to receive and will preserve Medicaid funding...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Becky Levy, Chief Executive Officer, Vanova Health



Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

<u>Vanova Health</u> is a member of the Quality Institute's Provider Council.

Interview Sneak Peek: How is Vanova addressing the biggest challenges to advancing value-based primary care in New Jersey?

While the idea of value-based care — delivering high-quality, cost-effective treatment — sounds simple, the execution can be complicated. There is certainly an argument to be made that we have all made it so complicated that value-based care can be more costly to provide from a physician/health system perspective. At Vanova Health, our goal is to simplify the system so physicians can do what they're trained to do and what they want to do: take care of patients.

Another challenge is the lack of primary care physicians in New Jersey. Many physicians who train in primary care in New Jersey choose to leave the state after their residencies. We must find a way to keep physicians in our state. The reality is that new residents graduating often have a significant amount of student loan debt. Add that into a state that has a high cost of living and a tough market with many of the payors and it's easy to see where the problems stem from and where they need to be corrected. We need to make value-based care simpler for physicians and we need to ensure that physicians are compensated well enough that it's in their interest to stay in primary care in our State...

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MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN.

Investing In Local Mental Health: Grants

The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute's <u>Mayors Wellness Campaign</u> (MWC), in partnership with the <u>New Jersey State League of Municipalities</u>, has announced a third year of funding for communities working to address local mental health needs, generously funded by <u>Walmart</u>. The Quality Institute is inviting New Jersey towns and cities to submit proposals for programs targeted to address local mental health, substance use, intimate partner violence, and reducing stigma around mental health.

Please save the date for our information session for grant applicants on August 6th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.





PERINATAL MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING

The New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute has been named a <u>2025 NJBIZ Health</u> <u>Care Hero</u> for its leadership in creating the nation's first perinatal-focused Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainings. The Quality Institute is offering the Perinatal MHFA training to doulas, nurses, community health workers, and others working with pregnant and postpartum patients and clients. We are proud to be recognized for this important work, which is generously supported by <u>The Healthcare Foundation of</u> <u>New Jersey.</u>

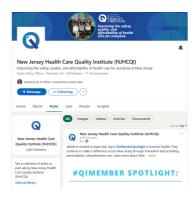
Email Armonie Pierre-Jacques at <u>apierrejacques@njhcqi.org</u> to register for our next Perinatal Mental Health First Aid Training on August 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.





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WELCOME

The Chamber of Commerce Southern New Jersey

(CCSNJ) is the region's largest, most active, and influential business organization. Started in 1873 as the Camden Board of Trade, the organization has grown to represent the seven southernmost counties of New Jersey, Greater Philadelphia and Northern Delaware with nearly 1,300 business and nonprofit members.



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

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