

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



PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER Join in COYL to Promote Healthy Aging

Honest conservations about our health care goals especially as we age or face serious illnesses can be difficult but are an essential part of supporting healthy aging. The Quality Institute's <u>Conversation of Your Life (COYL)</u> initiative continues to grow as we partner with more New Jersey mayors, community partners, and our members who provide subject matter expertise and resources to support COYL programming which includes community-based conversations on Advance Care Planning.

COYL is part of the <u>Mayors Wellness Campaign</u>. Through COYL, the Quality Institute provides technical assistance and resources to help community leaders create events that empower residents to **decide**, **document**, **and discuss** their health care decisions...

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SPRING ALL-COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROUND-UP

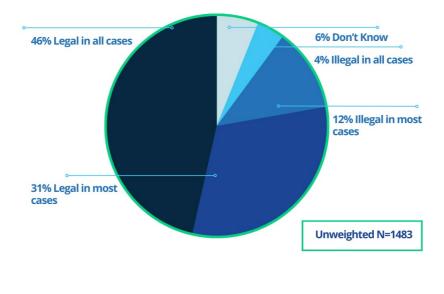
Our Spring All-Council Conference last week brought together more than 100 of our members as we explored top health care issues at the ballot box.

In preparation, we commissioned two polls in partnership with <u>Rutgers Eagleton</u> <u>Center for Public Interest Polling.</u> Check out this <u>video</u> from Eagleton Institute Polling which explains the polling process and results

Co-keynote speaker <u>Christopher Whaley</u>, Ph.D., opened the conference by sharing his economic research in health care. He told the audience that high prices more than high utilization account for why Americans pay so much for health care. Enormous variability exists in health care pricing. But market forces, not quality, drive prices.

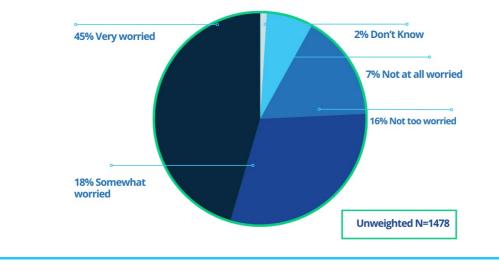
<u>Anand Parekh</u>, MD, MPH, outlined the issues likely to emerge in the presidential election. Abortion will be a key issue with Democrats calling for reproductive rights and Republicans either calling for a national ban on abortion or for states to decide. Meanwhile, Dr. Parekh said public officials must address primary care, public health, and prevention even if those issues are not on the political radar.





How worried, if at all, are you about being able to afford each of the following for you and your family?

UNEXPECTED MEDICAL BILLS





Please join the <u>Quality Institute</u> for this virtual work session focusing on maternal mental health information and resources beneficial to your community, clients, or patients on **Thursday, June 6 from 12–2:00 p.m.**

The session will feature Jaime Angelini, MA, DRCC, AMTP, Statewide Director of Suicide Prevention, Crisis Response, and Special Projects, <u>Mental Health Association</u> <u>in NJ</u> (MHANJ); Carolyn Flynn, LPC, CD, IMH-E®, Director, Infant and Early Childhood Relational Health, <u>The Center for Great Expectations</u>; and <u>Armonie Pierre-Jacques</u>, MPH, Program Officer, <u>New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute</u>.

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The Quality Institute and The Burke Foundation's Maternal Infant Health (MIH)

<u>Hub</u> will host a Policy Spotlight on **Monday, June 24th from 12-1:00 p.m.** This virtual convening will provide an overview on federal midwifery legislation, policy, and initiatives, and its impact on maternal health. This Policy Spotlight is an invitation for all midwives, midwifery students, and other health care stakeholders to learn and discuss key policy and maternal child health care issues.

Guest speaker: Jill Wodnick, MA, LCCE, IMH-E(II), Maternal Health Policy and Early Relational Health, Montclair State University

