



NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE

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



SCHWIMMER SCRIPT

PRESIDENT & CEO, LINDA SCHWIMMER **Celebrating Successes that Improve Quality and Access**

At the Quality Institute, we work together with you, our members and partners, to strengthen health care quality and access. Today I want to reflect on several recent successes that advance our mission and show how our work together creates impact and improves lives.

Access to contraceptives at local pharmacies

For years, we've called for easier access to contraceptive care. As part of our work, we joined with partners around the state through our [New Jersey Reproductive Health Access Project](#) to provide resources to providers. We also [called](#) for the rollout of regulations and new Medicaid rules to enable New Jersey pharmacists to dispense self-administered methods of birth control (e.g. pills, patches, rings) without a provider prescription. Now, after a new law and [new rules](#), pharmacists can dispense this care...

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TAKE FIVE INTERVIEW

Interviews with members, influencers, and noteworthy people

[UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of NJ](#) is a member of the Quality Institute's Plan Council.

Interview Sneak Peek: *You joined UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of NJ about a year ago, having moved here from the Midwest. Can you share one or two of your top priorities?*

At UnitedHealthcare we are very supportive of the First Lady's maternal program Nurture NJ and its commitment to ensuring equity in maternal and infant health outcomes and to reducing overall maternal and infant mortality and morbidity in the state. The majority of the members we serve in NJ are moms and kids and they are disproportionately impacted by these disparities. As an organization, we are committed to creating a meaningful impact for our young moms and kids.

A key priority for us at UnitedHealthcare is Integrated whole person care...

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MAYORS WELLNESS CAMPAIGN.

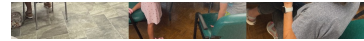
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cognitive stimulation, and promoting emotional well-being.



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WHAT WE'RE READING

The New Jersey CNA Data and Analysis Report

The [New Jersey Collaborating Center for Nursing](#), in collaboration with the [Essential Jobs Essential Care Coalition](#) (EJEC) and PHI, recently released the [New Jersey CNA Data and Analysis Report](#) which includes survey responses from 2,398 certified nursing assistants. The report includes new stats such as the median hourly rate for CNAs in New Jersey is \$20.50 and 22% of respondents indicated they work two or more jobs.



View the Report



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