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Our Reproductive Health Care Work: A Preview of What's Ahead

At the Quality Institute, we've had a productive summer, particularly around our work on equitable access to reproductive health care. Today I want to preview what's ahead for us on this critical topic.

Reproductive health care is an essential aspect of a functioning health care system. Access to contraception, abortion, and overall quality maternal child health care are fundamental to people's lives.

Over the past few years, New Jersey has accelerated policy changes that have increased access to these essential services. For instance, pharmacies in New Jersey are now authorized to dispense self-administered birth control.

Despite the positive changes, gaps remain and more must be done. That's why our policy and quality improvement work around reproductive health care continues. Here's a preview of what's ahead...

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Interview Sneak Peek: *What are your top priorities in this new position? Can you share one or two?*

A top priority is engaging the employees here at St. Joe's. When I first walked into St. Joe's, I felt this strong sense of culture, which is grounded in the individuals who have been here for many decades. We have people who have been working here for 10, 20, 30, 40 years, and they continue to share in this tangible and special culture. Re-engaging our staff in a very challenging health care environment is something that I'm very passionate about. I appreciate what administrators do, but, as a clinician, I understand the work that's happening is on the front line...

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