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NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE QUALITY INSTITUTE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS REGIONAL HEALTH HUB MODEL CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN CAMDEN

Recently released report outlines a path forward from the Medicaid ACO Demonstration Project and recommends creation of the Regional Health Hub model currently under consideration within state budget

CAMDEN, NJ — A new report from the [New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute](#) outlining the path to a state Regional Health Hub model was released today. The [report](#) states the value of transitioning the current Medicaid ACO Demonstration Project to a Regional Health Hub model and highlights the [Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers](#) and three other regional collaboratives across New Jersey as examples of this model in practice.

New Jersey's current Medicaid ACO Demonstration Project comes to a close on June 30, 2019, and the report is the culmination of a collaborative effort to reimagine its successor. It affirms that "[Regional Health] Hubs can play an important role in the way state and federal dollars are spent on health care in New Jersey by maximizing resources and improving population health." The report includes lessons learned through the Medicaid ACO Demonstration Project, key roles that Regional Health Hubs could play in improving health outcomes, and current programs, including ones currently led by the Camden Coalition, that reflect the benefits that the Regional Health Hub model could provide in New Jersey.

Four regional collaboratives that currently function as Medicaid ACOs — the [Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers](#), [Trenton Health Team](#), [Healthy Greater Newark](#), and the [Health Coalition of Passaic County](#), have been collaborating with the Quality Institute and convening over the past year and a half to develop a Regional Health Hub model with the ability to harness the power of data and community partnerships to improve care coordination efforts across the state.

The Camden Coalition, along with the other regional collaboratives, is therefore [currently urging the state](#) to formally certify it as a Regional Health Hub. "The Camden Coalition has operated as a community-based provider for over a decade and is thus well-positioned to assist the state in executing on critical health initiatives in our region," said Camden Coalition CEO Kathleen



Noonan. “The Medicaid ACO Demonstration Project was a successful effort, and it is now time to transition it to a more permanent Regional Health Hub structure.”

New Jersey officials are currently working to finalize the FY 2020 budget, which, if the four regional collaboratives’ efforts are successful, will include the Regional Health Hub model. The deadline for budget finalization is June 30, 2019.

About the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers

The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers is a multidisciplinary nonprofit organization working to improve care for people with complex health and social needs in Camden, NJ and across the country. The Camden Coalition works to advance the field of complex care by implementing person-centered programs and piloting new models that address chronic illness and social barriers to health and wellbeing. Supported by strong data, cross-sector convening and shared learning, our community-based programs deliver better care to the most vulnerable individuals in Camden and regionally.

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