



NEW JERSEY CARE TRANSITIONS PROJECT

It's a story repeated far too often. An older adult is released from the hospital following inpatient care, only to be readmitted less than a month later.

Medicare recipients are at special risk when they transition from one healthcare facility to another or return home. The *New Jersey Care Transitions Project* is testing strategies to reduce the number of older patients re-hospitalized 30 days or less after discharge.

Forty-four communities in southern New Jersey* were selected to be part of a federally sponsored national pilot project. A key aspect is distribution of thousands of *personal health records* (PHRs) to area Medicare recipients. These free, easy-to-use booklets give patients the information they need to play a more active role in their own healthcare.



The Project

Created by Healthcare Quality Strategies, Inc., (HQS), our goal is to reduce preventable hospital readmissions and increase the quality of care for Medicare recipients. We're working with Virtua Health, southern New Jersey's largest multidisciplinary healthcare provider. Other nursing homes, home health agencies, physician practices, dialysis facilities, pharmacies, patients, patients' families, and community organizations are also involved. To find out how you can support this important project, contact HQSI:

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What is HQSI?

Healthcare Quality Strategies, Inc., is the nonprofit federally designated quality improvement organization (QIO) for New Jersey. Our mission is to make healthcare safer, more efficient, more effective, and more accessible.



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***You can participate in the *New Jersey Care Transitions Project* if you live in one of these communities: Atco, Barrington, Berlin, Birmingham, Browns Mills, Burlington, Chatsworth, Cherry Hill, Clementon, Columbus, Cookstown, Delran, Florence, Fort Dix, Gibbsboro, Glendora, Haddonfield, Haddon Heights, Hainesport, Jobstown, Juliustown, Lawnside, Lumberton, Magnolia, Maple Shade, Marlton, McGuire AFB, Medford, Mount Laurel, Moorestown, Mount Holly, New Lisbon, Pemberton, Rancocas, Roebling, Runnemede, Sicklerville, Somerdale, Tabernacle, Voorhees, Waterford Works, West Berlin, Westhampton, Wrightstown**