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**National and State Health Policy Experts Create Recommendations
for New Governor**

The Good Care Collaborative convenes third annual conference in Trenton to improve complex care in New Jersey Medicaid

Trenton, NJ— National and state Medicaid experts, policymakers, and community members convened today at the Trenton War Memorial for the third annual Good Care Collaborative conference, *Complex Care in New Jersey Medicaid: Setting a Vision*. During a time of significant uncertainty at the federal level about the future of the Medicaid program, the conference focused on lessons learned from the development of complex care models from across the country and identified policy recommendations for the incoming gubernatorial administration.

“Moving complex care forward in New Jersey will require continued strong state leadership,” said Joel Cantor, Distinguished Professor and Director at the Rutgers Center for State Health Policy. “The Good Care Collaborative has long been focused on better care for the most vulnerable and expensive Medicaid populations in New Jersey, including those with opioid addiction and criminal justice involved populations, and will have valuable insights for the new administration.”

At the conference, speakers from across the country highlighted their collaborative approaches to developing, implementing, and supporting the sustainability of their “good care models.” New Jersey policy experts focused on the strategic importance and potential for system-wide reform by highlighting the needs of the most medically and socially complex patients in the Medicaid system.

“In Camden, our Medicaid Accountable Care Organization is beginning to show what we have seen from our partners throughout the country: improving care for the system’s most complex patients produces better quality, outcomes, and efficiencies for all Medicaid patients,” said Jared Susco, interim CEO of the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers, which convenes the Good Care Collaborative. “As our model advances, we are excited to work together to apply these lessons statewide.”

Event participants tweeted using the hashtag #GoodCare17.

About the Good Care Collaborative

The Good Care Collaborative (GCC) is a coalition of patients, providers, payers and policy leaders from across New Jersey’s health care spectrum committed to sensible Medicaid reform informed by models of good care in our state. The GCC is convened by the Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers. By working together across stakeholder groups, the GCC believes that New Jersey’s Medicaid system can become the national model for delivering better care at lower costs to everyone, every day.

The GCC’s work is informed by a vision for a system grounded in good care. The GCC defines good care to be high quality, patient-centered, integrated, and efficient. A system delivering good care ensures that all patients are able to enjoy their highest attainable standard of health and wellbeing.

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