**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Why should I join Northeast Business Group on Health – New Jersey Chapter?**

For employers in New Jersey – and nationwide – health care is one of the fastest growing expenses. It is also critical to employee productivity and retention.

Northeast Business Group on Health – New Jersey Chapter (NEBGH-New Jersey) brings employers, providers and insurers together to improve healthcare quality and value in the Garden State. By joining forces, New Jersey businesses have greater leverage with health plans and providers to obtain better services and lower costs. They also have better access to information about regulatory and legislative developments, and a voice in the policy debate in Trenton.

**NEBGH-New Jersey is a chapter of Northeast Business Group on Health. What does this mean to my company?**

NEBGH-New Jersey addresses unique issues and challenges facing employers in the Garden State. In addition, as a chapter of NEBGH, it offers New Jersey businesses:

* More comprehensive, region-wide information about care, costs and best practices
* Greater access to resources and nationally recognized experts in health care, benefits and policy
* The ability to network and share information with hundreds of employers across the Northeast
* Access to NEBGH’s Solutions and Innovations Center, which is bringing together leaders in health care, academia and business to explore innovative ways to address the most urgent healthcare challenges facing employers.

**I understand NEBGH-New Jersey is conducting several initiatives. What are they?**

NEBGH-New Jersey has launched several initiatives to address issues of concern for New Jersey employers, including:

* *New Jersey Gaps in Care Project.* NEBGH is assessing primary care physicians in the Garden State by aggregating data from major health plans.
* *The Leapfrog Hospital Survey.* Leapfrog is the gold standard for benchmarking hospital performance. Hospitals that participate in the survey achieve improvements that translate into lives – and dollars – saved.
* *eValue8.* Offered in cooperation with the National Business Coalition on Health, eValue8 enables NEBGH members to assess New Jersey health plans and make informed benefits purchasing decisions.

Additionally, NEBGH partners with the New Jersey Health Care Quality Institute to promote quality, accountability and cost containment in the delivery of healthcare services in New Jersey.

We also anticipate launching several new initiatives in 2011 and beyond to help employers get more for their healthcare dollar*.*

**Can I participate in initiatives and conferences in New York, Connecticut or Boston?**

Yes. NEBGH-New Jersey members can participate in all Northeast Business Group on Health events and initiatives, and network with employers across the region.

[To join NEBGH-New Jersey, click here.](http://nebgh.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/membership.pdf)