

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) Wednesday hosted nearly 50 primary care providers from across New Jersey for a day-long discussion about health care reform and other issues affecting primary care. Holt also discussed provisions in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that will improve health care delivery by computerizing outdated paper records and expanding research to identify the best treatments to cure diseases. Participants met with Congressional and executive branch leaders, as well as experts from several universities and think tanks.

"I am excited to host in Washington the men and women who work to keep us healthy," Holt said. "This day serves as an opportunity for me and other policy-makers to hear about needs and concerns directly from those who best understand the health care system. As Congress debate how we can best guarantee insurance coverage, improve the quality of care, focus on prevention, and bring spending under control, I need to hear from people who know. With 16 percent of New Jersey residents uninsured, we can no longer wait to pass health care reform."

Throughout the year, Holt hosts "D.C. Days" to bring representatives of various New Jersey groups to Washington for discussions with policy makers and opinion leaders. Speakers included representatives from the White House Office of Health Reform, the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, George Washington University, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Center for American Progress. Members of Congress included Lois Capps (CA-23), Pete Stark (CA-13), Tammy Baldwin (WI-2), and David Wu (OR-1).

Attending the day-long event were health care providers from across New Jersey, including:

**Allenhurst** – Gary Linington (Visiting Nurse Association of Central NJ) **Basking Ridge**  
–Jeanne Craft (St. Barnabas Hospital)

**Brick**

–Hannah Maldony (Ocean Health Initiatives)

**Burlington**

– Gloria McNeal (University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey)

**Caldwell**

– Kathleen Prendegast (Mental Health Resource Center, Care Plus NJ)

**East Brunswick –**

Ted Louie (Middlesex County Medical Society), Ms. Lynda Nolan (University of Penn Hospital), and Dr. Nancy Pinkin (American Academy of Pediatrics New Jersey)

**East Windsor**

– Floyd Morris (Children’s Futures)

**Franklin Park**

– Kemi Alli (Henry J. Austin Center)

**Hamilton**

– Katherine Grant-Davis (New Jersey Primary Care Association), Dr. Francisco Javier Villota (Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton)

**Hamilton Square**

– Mary-Ann Isaac (Trenton Interfaith Caregivers), John Isaac (Trenton Interfaith Caregivers)

**Hopewell**

– Dawn Durain (American College of Nurse-Midwives)

**Howell**

– Theresa Berger (Ocean Health Initiatives)

**Lakewood**

– Susan Levin (Lung Cancer Circle of Hope)

**Lawrenceville**

– Susan Einstein (The George School)

**Long Branch**

– Marta Cuellar Silverberg (Monmouth Family Health Center)

**Mine Hill**

– Sharon St. Angelo (New Perspectives Healthcare)

**Monmouth Junction**

– Donna Penn (Mercer County Community College), Frederic Penn (Robert Wood Johnson New Brunswick)

**Monroe**

**Township**

– Marilyn Askin (AARP)

**Montville**

– Mary Kamienski (University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey)

**Morristown**

– Eva Turbiner (Zufall Health Center)

**Palisades**

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– Ralph Ullman (Service Employees International Union Local 1199)

**Pennington**

– Susan Bakewell-Sachs (The College of New Jersey)

**Princeton**

– Doug Johnston (AARP), Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation), Marlene Rankin (Rutgers University), Carolyn Torre (Association of Nurses in Advanced Practice)

**Red Bank**

– Catherine Donohue (Visiting Nurse Association of Central NJ)

**Robbinsville**

– Elizabeth Solan (Trenton Interfaith Caregivers)

**Scotch Plains**

– Dr. Suzanne Drake (Society of Psychiatric Advanced Practice Nurses)

**Trenton**

– Dr. Cameron Johnson (Organizing for America), Bill Land (Association of Nurses in Advanced Practice), Ellen Land (Association of Nurses in Advanced Practice)

**West Windsor**

– Eve Karpinski (Mercer County Community College)

**Westfield**

– Susan Salmond (University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey)

**Woodbury**

– Dr. Pierre Coant (American Academy of Pediatrics New Jersey)

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