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### Harold Spence Re-Elected President of the County & Municipal Consumer Affairs Agencies of New Jersey (CAMCA)

*By: Debra Sellitto, Gloucester County Communication/PI*

Gloucester County Freeholder Director Robert M. Damminger announced that Harold Spence, the County's Consumer Affairs and Weights and Measures Director, was re-elected President of the County and Municipal Consumer Affairs Agencies of New Jersey (CAMCA). Harold Spence has filled this position the previous two years as the organization's President. He has been the Director of the County Office since 2004.

Freeholder Director Robert Damminger said "Having our Director of Consumer Affairs in such a position is a reflection of the effectiveness of the office and the respect that Hal and his staff have earned from their peers in New Jersey."

Director Damminger said that in 2011 Gloucester County received over 200 consumer complaints and returned nearly \$200,000 in direct refunds and money value to consumers.

Freeholder Lyman Barnes stated, "The County's Office of Consumer Affairs and Weights and Measures acts to protect the public from unlawful, unfair and deceptive business practices. Every day they are investigating complaints, educating the public, and enforcing the state's Consumer Fraud Act, which is one of the strongest in the nation." Barnes is the Freeholder Liaison to the Office of Consumer Affairs and Weights and Measures.

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### Nationwide® On Your Side

Perhaps one of the most important documents in your retirement plan is a properly completed beneficiary designations form on file with the Plan provider. Without it, you forfeit your right to decide who controls your retirement plan assets after you die. Your survivors could be forced to get a court determination of your account's true beneficiary, a potentially costly, frustrating process.

Marriages, births, deaths and other life events can impact beneficiary decisions. That's what makes annual reviews so important. Yet making sure you have an updated beneficiary designation form is easy.

### Make Beneficiary Designations Part of Your

*By: Kelly Adams, Senior Marketing Analyst*

- Go to the Forms section of your Plan website;
- Download the "Beneficiary Change" form;
- Complete, sign and photocopy the form;
- Mail the original form to the address noted on the form; and
- File the photocopied form with your important papers.

If you prefer, you may request a form by calling Nationwide®, your Plan provider, toll-free at 877-677-3678 local service center phone number.

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## Nationwide Retirement

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Because the selection of beneficiaries may have legal or tax consequences, you should contact your legal or tax adviser before making any decisions.

When you have questions about distributions or you're getting ready to take distributions from your Plan account, contact Anthony Sebro, *Investment Adviser Representative, NRS at (800) 675-6244 or SEBROA@nationwide.com* or David M. Sarmir, CRC, Sr. Retirement Specialist at (877) 677-3678 x43390 or [sarmird@nationwide.com](mailto:sarmird@nationwide.com).

## **REGISTER TODAY FOR THE NJAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**June 5th - June 7th**

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[WWW.NJAC.ORG](http://WWW.NJAC.ORG)**



Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

### Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey

Is committed to working with you and the health care community toward effectively implementing the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Below is a summary timeline highlighting some upcoming reforms. This is for information purposes only and is not intended to be used as legal advice.

#### 2010:

##### **March 23 (Date of enactment)**

Grandfathering of existing plans  
Medicare Part D rebates in donut hole  
small employer tax credits



## Community Leadership on Energy: How To Be An Energy Hero In Your Town

Wednesday, May 30, 2012; 1:00 – 3:30 pm; Fire Department Headquarters; Montclair, NJ

Thursday, May 31, 2012; 6:00 – 8:30 pm; Council Chambers, Borough Hall; Highland Park, NJ

Tuesday, June 5, 2012; 9:00 – 11:30 am; Camden County College, Blackwood Campus Room 101; Blackwood, NJ

Learn how your community can save residents and businesses money on their energy bills without using tax dollars.

Find out about innovative ways to leverage state programs.

Hear from communities that have implemented Direct Install and Home Performance with Energy Star programs that have saved money and energy for residents and businesses.

To register click here:  
[www.sustainablejersey.com](http://www.sustainablejersey.com)

### HealthCare Reform Timeline

By: [www.HorizonBlue.com/HealthCareReform](http://www.HorizonBlue.com/HealthCareReform)

#### **June 23 (90 days after enactment)**

High-risk pools for uninsured individuals with pre-existing conditions.  
Temporary Reinsurance for early retirees

#### **July 1**

Internet portal launched by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To read more on the Health Care Reform

Timeline article click here:

[www.horizonbluecrossblueshield.com](http://www.horizonbluecrossblueshield.com)



## Free Resources for Public Health Preparedness Planners

Funded by the Center for Disease Control, NACo's affiliate, the National Association of County and City Health Officials' (NACCHO) Advance Practice Center Program (APC Program) is a network of eight local health departments that produce free products and offer free consultative support on common public health preparedness challenges. These resources can be easily implemented by any local health department, as they are created by Local Health Departments, for Local Health Departments. To access these resources, please visit [www.apc.naccho.org/Products](http://www.apc.naccho.org/Products) and enter your information to register (it's free and NACCHO membership is not required, after registering, re-enter [apc.naccho.org/Products](http://www.apc.naccho.org/Products)).

### Time to Apply for NACo Leadership Appointments

June 4th is the deadline to apply for a 2012 -2013 NACo Presidential Appointment. This includes a leadership position on a steering committee or a leadership/committee appointment on a standing or ad hoc committee. The application form is available by going to <http://www.naco.org/about/committees/Pages/>

### Nominations Due for Public Official of the Year

Do you know an extraordinary public servant who provides distinguished leadership, strong management expertise and good governance? GOVERNING magazine invites you to nominate such an individual for GOVERNING's 2012 Public Officials of the Year. Nominations will be accepted through June 1st. Contact Elizabeth Daigneau at (202) 8620-1464.



#### Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)

The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) offers grants to help improve and expand domestic farmers' markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agri-tourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Agricultural cooperatives, producer networks, producer associations, local governments, nonprofit corporations, public benefit corporations, economic development corporations, regional farmers' market authorities and Tribal governments are among those eligible to apply. Approximately \$10 million in FMPP grants are available in fiscal year 2012. The maximum amount awarded for any one proposal cannot exceed \$100,000.

**2012 FMPP Grant Applications are NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

**Deadline May 21, 2012**

For further information click here:  
[www.ams.usda.gov](http://www.ams.usda.gov)

#### CAMCA of NJ

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CAMCA is a statewide consumer advocacy organization made up of county and municipal consumer office Directors from around New Jersey. The organization meets monthly and acts to ensure protection of consumers through education, representation and advocating for the enactment of legislation, statutes and the promulgation of regulations that protects the rights of the consuming public. The group also acts as liaison between local consumer agencies and the State Office of Consumer Affairs, discussing areas of mutual concern regarding consumer fraud and other fraudulent acts throughout New Jersey.

The group monitors changes to the State Consumer Fraud Act, including the Home Contractor Registration Act, the state's Pet Purchasing Protection Act, the Identity Theft Protection Act and similar laws and regulations governing consumer law in our state.

Residents who feel they may have a consumer complaint against a business in Gloucester County can call the office at 856-384-6855.

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## From the Executive Director's Desk

We're pleased to announce that Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Speaker of the General Assembly Sheila Y. Oliver, and Senator Joseph M. Kyrillos have agreed to sit on our Legislative Luncheon Forum moderated by NJ 101.5's Kevin McArdle; and, that county vocational-technical schools in Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, and Warren counties have agreed to compete in NJAC's first ever cook-off challenge.

Although we're still waiting for approval for the continuing education credits and should have it shortly, we've put together a terrific mix of finance, engineering, legal, purchasing, and management seminars intended to provide you and our county officials with informative and educational learning opportunities. If you're hosting a seminar, we'll make sure to provide you with additional details shortly.

Special thanks to Investors Bank, which awarded the NJAC Foundation a grant of \$14,000.00 for county vocational-technical school graduates who plan to continue their education at a county college or four year State college or university. The Foundation plans to distribute two \$500.00 grants in each county where Investors Bank conducts business. These counties include: Bergen, Hudson, Hunterdon, Essex, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Union, Somerset, Sussex, and Warren counties. The NJAC Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated with the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) and is committed to providing innovative educational opportunities for county vocational-technical school and county college students.