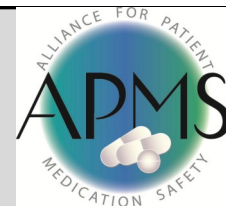


Improve Quality and Reduce Legal Risk By Working with a Patient Safety Organization



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The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005 (PSQIA or the Act) was passed to create a culture of safety in the practice of medicine, including in pharmacy practice. The Act provides an event reporting shield for medication dispensing errors to remove fear of legal liability, professional sanctions, and injury to professional reputation that prevents pharmacists from sharing information that can improve quality. The framework provides an opportunity for pharmacies to participate in continuous quality improvement, as required in many states and by third party contracts, in a protected environment. Through a patient safety organization (PSO) pharmacists can share and study information about trends and best practices associated with dispensing errors or other medication errors with absolute confidentiality and insulated from discovery and litigation.

The federal privilege and confidentiality protections are very broad and can be used to:

- Expand peer review protections beyond traditional settings, including to all pharmacists and other licensed health care providers;
- Permit the sharing of events, root cause analysis, and best practices across state lines; and
- Shield quality and event reports from trial lawyers and regulators. The Act preempts state tort laws to protect quality-related event reports from discovery, use in civil, administrative and, with certain exceptions, criminal proceedings.

In sum, a pharmacy, a pharmacy group, or pharmacy chain that contracts with a PSO not only accesses the tools to permit its pharmacies to supply the highest quality and safest care to the people in their community, but also has additional defenses to keep event reports from being used in court or in state administrative proceedings.

McDermott, Will & Emery (MWE) Partner Peggy Binzer spearheaded the crafting and passage of the PSQIA while serving as Counsel to the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. Today, Binzer continues to provide health care providers with legal guidance concerning legal protections for their quality related event reports and information. Join Ms. Binzer and Tara Modisett, the Director of the Alliance for Patient Medication Safety to learn how to align your business strategies with the PSQIA's objectives of improving quality, enhancing liability protections, reducing dispensing errors, saving lives, and thus, reducing health care costs.

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