Value of an Independent Review Organization

Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and Physicians Review Organization (PRO)
Independent peer review can help protect physicians and mitigate their organizations’ risks

- Media coverage has put the spotlight on egregious cases in which physicians and other health care providers were negligent in meeting basic care standards

- Independent peer review is an important service at a time when provider quality is essential as organizations make the move to value-based care and all that entails, including risk-based contracting
White paper to promote the value of independent medical reviews

- Last year, the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) worked with the Physicians Review Organization (PRO) and commissioned a white paper to promote the value of independent medical reviews
  - Founded in 1983, Physicians Review Organization is an accredited independent medical review organization
- We are currently spreading the word of the importance of Physician-performed independent review
Physician performed independent reviews

- Organizations who conduct their own internal peer reviews face:
  - Potential bias, “Turf battles”, and Tension amongst staff members
  - Potential increase in liability risk

- Physician performed reviews lead to increased patient safety, physician education, and improved medical care
  - Independent peer review allows organizations to be proactive
  - Effective and meaningful physician peer review focuses on improving performance rather than just reviewing problems
  - Peer review can help physicians improve outcomes, identify areas of potential, and help providers maintain the highest of standards
Michigan Sate Medical Society (MSMS) and the value of Independent Review Organizations (IRO)

More information:
Benjamin Louagie
blouagie@msms.org
+1 (517) 324-2527