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 valuebased 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 Physicianperformed independent review

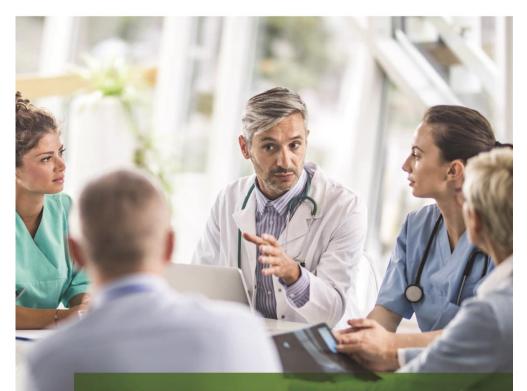
Physician performed independent reviews

- 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)
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WHY HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS PREFER INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW

IRO reviews educate physicians, while improving patient care and quality processes

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