

# 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



**WHY HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS  
PREFER INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEW**

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

- ▶ Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) and the value of Independent Review Organizations (IRO)
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