

## **Patient Safety Organization Terminology and Acronyms**

1. **PSO** – Patient Safety Organization. A public or private entity that is federally listed as a PSO by the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
2. **MOCPS** – Missouri Center for Patient Safety
3. **MOCPS PSO** – Missouri Center for Patient Safety Patient Safety Organization
4. **PSQIA** – Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act. Federal legislation signed in to law in 2005 which established the basis for the development of a network of PSOs. It provides legal protection for data reported to a PSO with the intent to enable providers to be proactive about the prevention of medical errors.
5. **PSES** – Patient Safety Evaluation System. The collection, management, or analysis of information for reporting to or by a PSO. It exists whenever the provider engages in patient safety activities for the purpose of reporting to a PSO.
6. **PSWP** – Patient Safety Work Product. Any data, reports, records, memoranda, analyses, or written or oral statements which:
  - Are assembled or developed by a provider for reporting to a PSO and are reported to a PSO
  - Are developed by a PSO for the conduct of patient safety activities
  - Identify or constitute the deliberations or analysis, of, or identify the fact of reporting pursuant to, a PSES.
7. **AHRQ** – Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Federal agency under the US Department of Health and Human Services responsible for the oversight and administration of the provisions of the Patient Safety Act and the Patient Safety Rule dealing with PSO operations.
8. **FOIA** – Freedom of Information Act.
9. **SRE** – Serious Reportable Event. Those events determined by the National Quality Forum as “never events” which require reporting to a PSO per the Missouri HealthNet regulation.
10. **HAC** – Hospital acquired condition. These events determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid which are acquired in a healthcare setting and are deemed non-reimbursable under current Medicare regulations.
11. **MHN** – Missouri HealthNet, Missouri’s Medicaid program and Division of the Missouri Department of Social Services.