

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEBRASKA COALITION FOR PATIENT SAFETY (NCPS)

- **CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVILEGE PROTECTIONS**

NCPS creates a secure and **protected** environment for healthcare providers to **report** information about adverse events and hazards. Under federal law, providers who have a written agreement with NCPS receive privilege and confidentiality protections that encourage reporting of patient safety events and unsafe conditions. These protections can help overcome provider fear of liability exposure for sharing information about events and participating in quality improvement activities.

- **AGGREGATE DATA ANALYSES AND SHARED LEARNING**

NCPS assists members in safety culture development through aggregation and **analysis** of patient safety events and the **sharing** of education, tools and other resources that members can **learn** from and use to **improve** the safety of care delivery.

NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE BILL 25: NEBRASKA PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS CHAMPION PATIENT SAFETY

The Nebraska Medical Association and the Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants initiated and advocated for legislation to enhance patient safety improvement activities conducted by NCPS. On March 13, 2019 Legislative Bill 25 (LB 25) was passed and became state law.

The passing of LB25 created a Patient Safety Cash Fund that is used to support NCPS activities. The Patient Safety Cash Fund is maintained through the addition of fees attached to initial issuance or renewal of licensure to practice as a physician, an osteopathic physician, or a physician assistant in Nebraska.

Effective January 1, 2020, physicians pay a patient safety fee of \$50, and physician assistants pay a patient safety fee of \$20. These fees are collected with the initial or biennial renewal for the credential. By virtue of this licensure fee, physicians and physician assistants are considered individual NCPS members.

This additional funding will enable NCPS to increase its capacity and resources to support healthcare providers in improving the safety



The NCPS mission is to continuously improve the safety and quality of healthcare delivery in the region.

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