GARDEN STATE
PATIENT SAFETY CENTER

Patient Safety
Listed
PSO
Organization

The Garden State Patient Safety Center is a "Patient Safety Organization" (PSO) certified by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Initially certified in 2010, we work with healthcare providers to adopt a culture of patient safety at every level of the organization. This includes embracing a harm-reduction philosophy as a foundation for achieving high-quality care for patients, safer workplaces for employees and better health outcomes for our communities.

WHO WE SERVE

HOSPITALS

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services requires hospitals with over 50 beds to engage with a federally listed PSO or, if not working with a PSO, implement an evidence-based initiative to improve healthcare quality through the collection, management and analysis of patient safety events.

ASSISTED LIVING ORGANIZATIONS

Assisted living communities can submit data and monitor trends on quality measures that impact resident quality of life. This data forms the foundation for shared learning, beginning with the ability of the PSO participants to compare their community with aggregate performance of peer communities.

PHARMACIES

The N.J. Board of Pharmacy requires pharmacies to implement a continuous quality improvement program to detect, identify and prevent prescription errors. Membership in the PSO permits pharmacies to submit quality-related events and comply with requirements for a quality improvement program.

OTHER HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

The benefits of belonging to a PSO extend to a patient safety work product that is developed by individual clinicians, healthcare organizations or other entities that meet the definition of a provider under federal law and regulation.

MORE ABOUT PSOs

The federal Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act and Department of Health and Human Services rules authorize the certification of PSOs by creating a culture of sharing, collaboration and analysis that promotes safer healthcare for all. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's PSO Program is charged with implementing the federal government's patient safety law and rules and oversees the PSO listing process, development and maintenance of the AHRQ Common Formats for data and information and the Network of Patient Safety Databases. To help accelerate shared learning, use of the AHRQ Common Formats and voluntary contributions of data make it possible to aggregate and analyze patient safety information across provider networks.

Visit the Garden State Patient Safety Center at www.njha.com/garden-state-patient-safety-center for additional information on PSO benefits, including a Safe Tables series and more.