P**eggy Binzer, JD – Executive Director – Alliance for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety (AQIPS)**

*"We can create a safety culture by allowing health care professionals to share analysis on how to prevent medical incidents with absolute confidentiality and insulated from discovery in litigation."*

Overview

Peggy Binzer serves as the Executive Director of the Alliance for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, the nation’s leading professional association for PSOs and their healthcare provider members that leads efforts to measurably improve patient safety and the quality of patient care by fostering the ability of providers to implement a culture of safety and high reliability.  Peggy spearheaded the crafting and passage of the Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act (PSQIA) while serving as senior health counsel for the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. As a partner in several law firms, she assisted hospital and specialty physician associations, health systems, and management organizations become patient safety organizations (PSOs), provided health systems, pharmacy chains, and other providers with legal guidance to improve the quality of patient care and implement the PSQIA's protections (Patient Safety Evaluation System). Peggy also founded the Academy for Allergy and Asthma in Primary Care, a national nonprofit professional association whose mission is to foster the ability of primary care physicians to provide quality, patient accessible diagnostic and therapeutic services.   She has more than 15 years of experience in food and drug law and spent more than a decade in government service at the FDA, primarily in the MedWatch system. While there, Peggy received the FDA Award of Merit and the Commissioner’s award.

 Distinctions

* ●  Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) HIT Policy Committee, HIT Safety Task Force
* ●  Successfully established more than 15 PSOs for state hospital associations, health systems, academic medical centers, pharmacy chains, risk retention groups, management companies, specialty physicians and EMS.
* ●  Successfully established many patient safety evaluation systems to provide confidentiality and privilege protections to establish a system-wide learning system, to protect conversations at case conferences and to reduce health care costs, including malpractice operational costs.
* ●   Counseled a bipartisan think tank on HIT safety and surveillance to impact federal legislation and regulation.
  1. ● Represented several PSOs through Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality compliance audits, focusing on compliance with PSQIA and HIPAA.

**Distinctions**

* Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) HIT Policy Committee, HIT Safety Task Force  (2015)
* Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) HIT Safety Center Task Force (2016)

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**Recent Publications**

P. Binzer, K. Lilly, *Using PSO Protections to Enhance the Effectiveness of Clinical Registries*, Compliance Today, scheduled publication, Nov. 2016.

P. Binzer, T. Karsten, *The Patient Safety Evaluation System: Building an Even Safer Healthcare System,* Compliance Today, April 2016.

P. Binzer, J. Rosen, *The Future of Medical Necessity Peer Review: The Patient Safety Act,* Compliance Today, Dec 2015.

P. Binzer, *Using a PSO to Build a Safer Healthcare System*, Healthcare Law Monthly, July 2015.

**Recent Speaking Engagements**

National Patient Safety Foundation (NPSF), *Using a Patient Safety Evaluation System to Build an Even Safer Healthcare System*, June 23, 2016.

American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA) Inhouse Counsel Meeting, *Trends in PSQIA Litigation*, June 24, 2016.

AHLA Annual Meeting, Trends in Data Protection in Using the PSQIA *Privilege in Integrated Care,* June 26, 2016.

Alabama Hospital Association, Trends in Data Protection: *Using the PSQIA to Create High Reliability in Healthcare*, May 16, 2016.

HIMSS16, Health IT Safety Culture: *Working Together to Improve Patient Safety*, Feb. 29, 2016.

AQIPS, *Designing an Effective Patient Safety Evaluation System after the HHS Guidance*, August 25, 2016.

AQIPS and CRICO HIT Safety Summit, *Improve the Safety of HIT*, June 6, 2014.

NPSF Congress, *Benefits of Working with a PSO*, 2014 NPSF Congress, May 14, 2014.