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FROM THE HEARTLAND: Missouri Center for Patient Safety Takes its Mission Nationwide as the Center for Patient Safety

Jefferson City, MO – Patient safety is an ever increasing focal point for improving efficacy and efficiency in the U.S. healthcare system, across all provider settings. Now the Missouri Center for Patient Safety (MOCPS) is poised to share its mission across the country.

“Today, reinforcing our broad-ranging vision that is applicable outside the borders of Missouri, we expand our outreach by offering patient safety resources and services nationally,” said executive director Becky Miller. “The Center’s vision remains ‘a healthcare environment safe for all patients and healthcare providers, in all processes, all the time.’ Now we expand this vision with a focus across the country.”

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Now is the time

National health reform efforts have put the issue of patient safety, including Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) front and center. Even before its passage, and particularly following the 1999 landmark [“To Err is Human”](#) report, healthcare providers nationwide were looking at ways to improve healthcare quality, and reduce patient harm and financial costs of medical errors.

“Whatever the law of the land is, Americans need to know their healthcare system embraces a patient safety culture and seeks ways to continuously provide safe care,” Miller said.

- [Read More: Patient safety provisions in the national health reform bill](#)

How CPS helps healthcare

The Center for Patient Safety (CPS) comprises three primary arms: general PSO services; EMS PSO services; and broad-ranging safety improvement resources--for hospitals, clinics, private practice, EMS, and other providers on the front lines of the nation's healthcare system:

Training and education

Safety culture resources and services

Speakers bureau

Annual conference

Safety reports and alerts

To learn more about CPS services and resources, visit [our website](#), where you can also learn about our resources and services as well as [sponsorship opportunities](#) for individuals or organizations that want to support the Center's work to improve safe care across the nation.

"At CPS we've been proud to play a role in patient safety efforts close to home and regionally," Miller said. "We've reached a point where we see our expertise contributing to the larger conversation and changes underway in health care settings around the country."

About CPS

The Center for Patient Safety is a private, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to fostering change throughout the nation's healthcare delivery systems and across the continuum of care.

The Center's mission is "to be a leader in providing solutions and resources to improve patient safety and the quality of healthcare delivery by conducting activities in collaboration with health care providers, physicians, purchasers, consumers and government."

The Missouri Center for Patient Safety, dba the Center for Patient Safety was founded by the Missouri Hospital Association, the Missouri State Medical Association and Primaris.

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