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### **IHA'S MAPS PSO OFFERS NEW SERVICE STREAMLINING EVENTS DATA SUBMISSION**

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety (MAPS) Patient Safety Organization (PSO) has joined forces with NextPlane Solutions to help its members improve and maximize their data collection and cultivation efforts. Through this collaboration, MAPS PSO members will have access to a streamlined data mapping process that will accelerate event submission. This data collaboration effort should remove barriers and free up valuable time best spent on preventing patient harm.

Patient Safety Organizations are designed to help clinicians, hospitals and health care organizations improve patient care delivery by encouraging them to conduct quality and safety analyses. PSOs utilize aggregate data sharing across multiple health care provider groups to identify issues quickly and allow improved early warning and communication about ways of reducing risk and improving quality.

"Improved data collection is important to actionable data and insights. This can help facilitate healthcare transformation," says Jay Bhatt, DO, MPA, FACP, Chief Health Officer, IHA, Institute on Innovations in Care and Quality. "Our relationship with NextPlane Solutions will allow our members to submit larger data samples more accurately and efficiently into our PSO database, while reducing administrative burdens."

PSOs are fueled by data from its members to broaden their perspective of risks and learn from their colleagues locally or across the country. NextPlane Solutions' PSO data mapping software allows members to use their existing internal patient event reporting system to upload data directly to the MAPS PSO database. This eliminates the need for hospital staff to manually enter data to the MAPS PSO system, which reduces data transferring errors and saves time and resources.

NextPlane Solutions has worked with numerous hospital associations' PSOs nationwide and has a proven track record of delivering innovative data solutions.

To learn more about IHA's MAPS PSO and how Next Plane Solutions can help your hospital's healthcare transformation efforts, contact Helga Brake, Director, Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety PSO, at [hbrake@team-iha.org](mailto:hbrake@team-iha.org) or 630-276-5682. Also see our MAPS PSO website at [www.midwestalliancepsa.org](http://www.midwestalliancepsa.org) and the NextPlane Solutions website at [www.nextplanesolutions.com](http://www.nextplanesolutions.com) for more information.

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#### **About The Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety**

The [Midwest Alliance for Patient Safety](http://www.midwestalliancepsa.org) (MAPS) is a federally listed Patient Safety Organization (PSO) aligned with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA). Since 2010, its mission has been to promote the adoption of best practices by Midwest health care organizations to improve the delivery of safe and quality care to all patients. As a non-profit organization, MAPS strives to position itself as the leading provider-sponsored PSO. Based in Naperville, Illinois, MAPS provides the opportunity to exceed standards of quality of care by providing expert clinical staff and strong programs and services focused on PSO education, strong patient-focused operations and performance improvement. *Follow MAPS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).*

#### **About NextPlane Solutions**

NextPlane Solutions enables patient safety organizations and health systems to accelerate collaboration and shared learning that eliminates preventable harm. We pride ourselves in the trust we earn with each client as we deliver innovative solutions that prevent harm. *Visit us at [www.nextplanesolutions.com](http://www.nextplanesolutions.com).*

#### **About IHA**

The Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA), with offices in Chicago, Naperville, Springfield, and Washington D.C., represents more than 200 hospitals and nearly 50 health systems as they care for their patients and communities. Its members range from major academic medical centers and teaching hospitals that train tomorrow's doctors and nurses, to community hospitals that transform advances in medicine and technology into better lives for patients, to rural and critical access facilities that bring high-quality patient care to the less populated regions of Illinois, to specialty institutions that care for patients in need of behavioral health, long-term care, or rehabilitation services. IHA is dedicated to strengthening and uniting hospitals and making high-quality, affordable health care available to all Illinois residents at the right time and in the right setting. To make this possible, IHA advocates for a redesigned health system and sustainable funding -- including new models of healthcare delivery and payment -- that support the Triple Aim of healthcare. *For more information, see [www.team-iha.org](http://www.team-iha.org). Like IHA on [Facebook](#). Follow IHA on [Twitter](#).*