### Data Banks at a Glance

#### **NPDB**

The National Practitioner Data Bank was established under Title IV of Public Law 99-660, the *Health Care Quality Improvement Act of 1986*. NPDB is an information clearinghouse to collect and release information related to the professional competence and conduct of physicians, dentists, and other health care practitioners.

### **HIPDB**

The Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank was established under section 1128E of the *Social Security Act* as added by Section 221(A) of the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996*. HIPDB was implemented to combat fraud and abuse in health insurance and health care delivery and to promote quality care. HIPDB alerts users that a more comprehensive review of past actions by a practitioner, provider or supplier may be prudent.

# Who Reports?

- Medical malpractice payers
- Medical/Dental State Licensing Boards
- Hospitals and other health care entities
- Professional societies with formal peer review
- HHS Office of Inspector General
- US Drug Enforcement Administration

- Federal and State Government agencies
- Health plans

## What Information is Available?

- Medical malpractice payments (all health care practitioners)
- Adverse actions based on reasons relating to professional competency and conduct (primarily physicians/dentists)
  - Licensing actions: revocation, suspension, censure, reprimand, probation, surrender, denial of an application for renewal of license and withdrawal of an application for renewal of license (reported as a voluntary surrender)
  - Clinical privileges actions
  - o Professional society membership actions
- Medicare and Medicaid exclusions (all health care practitioners)
- US Drug Enforcement Administration actions (all health care practitioners)

- Licensing and certification actions
  - o Revocation, suspension, censure, reprimand, probation
  - Any other loss of license or right to apply for or renew a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by voluntary surrender, non-renewal, or otherwise
  - Any negative action or finding by a Federal or State licensing and certification agency that is publicly available information
- Civil judgments (health care-related)
- Criminal convictions (health care-related)
- Exclusions from Federal or State health care programs
- Other adjudicated actions or decisions (formal or official actions, availability of due process mechanism and based on acts or omissions that affect or could affect the payment, provision, or delivery of a health care item or service)

# Who Can Query?

- Hospitals
- Other health care entities with formal peer review
- Professional societies with formal peer review
- Boards of Medical/Dental Examiners and other health care practitioner State Licensing Boards
- Plaintiffs' attorneys or plaintiffs representing themselves (limited)
- Health care practitioners (self-query)
- Researchers (statistical data only)

- Federal and State Government agencies
- Health plans
- Health care practitioners/providers/suppliers (self-query)
- Researchers (statistical data only)

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