

**NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL'S STATEMENT OF SUPPORT
FOR NATIONAL CENTER FOR PATIENT SAFETY CULTURE SURVEY**

The following constitutes the National Partnership Council's Statement of Support regarding the VHA National Center for Patient Safety (NCPS) Culture Survey (NCPSCS).

1. The National Partnership Council understands that the primary purpose of the NCPSCS is to enhance awareness of patient safety culture by identifying areas for improvement and developing action plans to make those improvements.
2. The NCPS will share the results of the survey with the National Partnership Council as soon as the data is available.
3. Data will not be published for any work group where there are fewer than 10 respondents.
4. All information will be collected and processed by a third party and analyzed by NCPS without any individual identifiers.
5. All information collected will remain confidential.
6. All employee responses will remain anonymous.
7. All employee participation will be voluntary.
8. This statement of support is not a collective bargaining agreement and NCPS will meet its bargaining obligations at all appropriate levels.

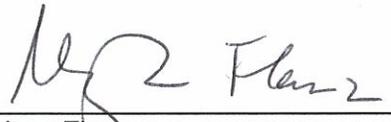
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