

Trends – the Next Year?

- **ACOs, CINs will evolve**
- **Bundled payments will evolve**
- **Continued decline of fee for service –
new models**

- **Consolidations, mergers, affiliations – horizontal and vertical**
- **Telemedicine will evolve**
- **Patient safety organizations – case law uncertainty regarding privilege**

- **Employment of physicians,
employment discrimination claims**
- **Continued expansion of role of
APRNs, PAs**
- **Whistleblower claims in peer
review matters**

- **Decline in HCQIA immunity applicability**
- **More NPDB reporting disputes**
- **Use of employment – may avoid NPDB reports**

- **Coordination of care**
- **Increasing importance of patient satisfaction**
- **Opioid crisis will affect everything**
- **Prescription drug monitoring programs**
- **Medical marijuana**

