Alabama Medical Malpractice Summary and Statistics

Tort Reform Law: None

Population in 2014: 4,849,377

Number of Licensed Physicians\(^1\) in 2014: 16,064

Number of Paid Medical Malpractice claims per 100 physicians in 2014: 0.25

State Rank: 46th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners\(^2\) per capita\(^3\) in 2014: $9.62

State Rank: 23rd

Amount paid for malpractice claims against all practitioners per capita in 2013: $6.04

State Rank: 40th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2014: $6.80

State Rank: 34th

Amount paid for malpractice claims against Physicians only per capita in 2013: $3.74

State Rank: 46th

Notes

1) MDs and DOs only. Many physicians are licensed in more than one State which is why the total number of physicians in all of the States exceeds the total number of physicians in the US.

2) All Practitioners includes MDs, DOs, podiatrists, dentists, nurses, hygienists, pharmacists, pharmacy techs, lab techs, physical therapists, etc...

3) Total amount paid in medical malpractice claims in the State that year/ the State’s Population
Graphic Summary of Medical Malpractice Incidence and Cost for Alabama from 2003-2014

Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims in Alabama Each Year

- **Figure 1**: Total number of Paid Medical Malpractice Claims for Alabama from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners Combined as Well as for MD/DOs Only

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Total Amount Paid in Alabama Each Year

- **Figure 2**: Total Amount Paid for All Medical Malpractice Claims from 2003-2014 for All Health Care Practitioners and MD/DOs Only in Alabama.

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Figure 3: Figure 2 Data When Adjusted for Inflation.

Brief summary: Alabama has no tort reform law yet, over the past decade, has had very low medical malpractice costs and few paid malpractice claims each year.

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